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Public protest 'shows the strength of opposition to the Biomass plant plans'

AN 'energetic' campaign in Barry to prevent the Biomass UK No 2 Ltd plant from getting a licence received a boost at a rally held in King Square on Saturday, August 19.

Vale AM Jane Hutt told the assembled crowd that Natural Resources Wales had agreed to extend a consultation deadline for the public by two weeks to Sunday, September 10.

The original deadline was Tuesday, August 29.

Ms Hutt said: "It is very important that we recognise that the people of Barry are standing up for our community, for all our generations, for our children, our young people, our older people."

She paid tribute to the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) for "the way you have brought people together".

She said there had been some very constructive meetings held involving a DIAG liaison group and Natural Resources Wales. She added: "We must stick together and use our heads, as well as our hearts."

As part of its bid to get an environmental permit, Biomass has responded to questions about the project raised by Natural Resources Wales with a lengthy and technical document. The Vale AM stressed that it was important local people made their views known on the Biomass submission.

Following, Ms Hutt's speech, the chairman of DIAG, Alexis Liasatos said: "That really was great news. We were very worried about the short time we had to respond to the massive 1,044-page document from Biomass."

"These extra two weeks will give our technical experts a much better chance to pore over the detail and, hopefully, find additional flaws to the ones we have already spotted."

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BARRY TENOVUS GROUP WINS TOP VOLUNTEERS' AWARD



ABOVE: The Barry Tenovus Cancer Care group committee is celebrating a top volunteers' award. SEE PAGE 11.

Vale Council praises 'outstanding' results for A-Level pupils

SIXTH-form pupils across the Vale had the anxious wait for their A-Level results finally come to an end, with pupils outperforming the Welsh average.

"Most notably," said a council spokesperson, "this year's results saw an increase in the number of 'outstanding' pupils, with 28.1 per cent of Vale WJEC A-Level

students achieving the highest possible A* and A grades – a figure almost five per cent above the Welsh average."

Overall, it was reported that 97.9 per cent of the Vale's pupils achieved grades A* - E, compared to a Welsh average of 97.7 per cent.

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TWO years ago, my wife and I were on a platform at Cardiff Central and as a train pulled away, we were engulfed in diesel fumes.

It was very unpleasant and we were not pleased. I reminded my wife that a new era of pollution-free electric trains were on the horizon for Cardiff, Swansea and the Valleys.

Now following recent UK Government announcements, it's 'back to the future.' It seems that 'dirty diesel' will remain with us. What a let down!

Bi-Mode is the 'in' word; dual-powered electric motor and a diesel engine, plus a fuel tank, as fast as an electric only powered train.

My fears for electrification were raised last autumn when the UK Rail Minister announced that electrification would not be extended into Bristol, Temple Meads, but electrification will reach Blackpool north, the constituency of the Rail Minister!

Now Chris Grayling, the UK Transport Minister, has informed us that the Cardiff/Swansea electrification has been scrapped, saying: "It's costly and disruptive."

Chris Elmore MP was right when he said that this is a betrayal – particularly when a few days later, Chris Grayling announced that approval will be given for Cross Rail 2, total cost of £30 billion.

There are other projects for south-east England – HS2, £50 billion – and Waterloo being remodelled with new trains and extended platforms.

Chris Elmore pointed out that firm promises were given for south Wales, but Mr Grayling had other plans for his own back yard.

So why has there been so much contradiction and deception from the UK Government?

Then there are the delays to the electrification project.

Brunel constructed his railway with men who had nothing but shovels, wheelbarrows and their bare hands. Network Rail cannot even string a few wires together!

For too long the west of England and south Wales have received 'fag ends' in rail investment.

Another £2 billion is nothing to the public purse. We need the electrification for south Wales now... and not just to Cardiff.

In the meantime, I shall stand on the platform of my local station wearing a protective mask!
Trevor Spill,
Llantwit Major.

Traders' help appreciated

FURTHER to letters printed in The GEM dated July 27 (A Wallace) and August 17 (C Zeraschi), the Rotary Club of Barry wishes to make it clear that Barry Island traders have contributed to and supported the Fireworks Fiesta over many years and that their longstanding and ongoing support is very much valued and appreciated.
Jill Osborne,
(President, Rotary Club of Barry).

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'Flawed science behind the biomass incinerators'

I AM a resident of Barry and I suffer from a chronic nasal, throat and chest condition that is not life-threatening, but can be very unpleasant.

Currently, I am able to control the symptoms by medication and regular exercise.

If the Biomass incinerator is given a licence to operate and I experience a worsening of my health condition, and I can prove the increased pollution levels are responsible, I intend to seek damages from local, national government, and other agencies involved in the decision-making process.

I would encourage anyone who lives in the Barry area with similar health issues to do the same.

Barry is already a pollution hotspot known to the authorities, yet the incinerator is close to people's homes.

Planning guidelines state that existing pollution levels should have been taken into consideration.

The current pollution levels are well known and have been recorded, so it should not be too difficult to record pollution levels if the incinerator starts operating.

I have been informed by DIAG that the incinerator has increased its capacity from 60,000

to 80,000 tonnes of recycled wood chip, with 32 lorry deliveries per day.

The Welsh Government have been negligent in not carrying out a health impact assessment, which is one of their policies.

The Welsh and UK Governments are fully aware of the health risk and flawed science behind biomass incinerator energy plants, from recent scientific and chemical engineering studies.

The people of Barry do not deserve to be rolled over by Aviva Investments and pathetically weak agencies and politicians.
N Ralphs, Barry.

'I nominate DIAG for award on behalf of town'

I AM writing to express thanks and formally recognise the efforts of a group of individuals who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of the town of Barry.

The group that I refer to are DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group).

Their gargantuan efforts to stop the proposed site from going ahead need to be formally recognised.

They have made us so proud and brought so many members of the community together.

They have inspired so many people, and I feel it right that we should thank them and show our appreciation.

The work that they are doing has been truly outstanding, and the dedication that DIAG has shown is second to none.

I am still optimistic that common sense will prevail and that Natural Resources will make the right decision in not granting Biomass their operating licence.

Whatever the end outcome of the NRW consultation, we as a community would like to acknowledge what this group have done for us and are continuing to work towards.

Would it be possible for the Town Council to present DIAG with an award in grateful recognition from the townspeople of Barry?
H Griffiths,
Barry.

'Traffic wardens have better things to do'

I WAS amazed to read the report, on page 5 in the August 10 GEM, titled 'Give us a break from this robotic over-zealous traffic warden'.

A Holton Road trader suggests the traffic warden, instead of booking someone illegally parked, should troll the business premises on Holton Road, looking for the offender, and politely ask: "Does this car belong to anyone?"

Really?
Kevin Ewington, Cwm Talwg.

'Newsnight debater was typical of majority in Wales'

SO the Newsnight debate on the Welsh language could have done with a more thorough analysis, but what was sadly lost in the aftermath was the perfectly sound decision by the Welsh Government to replace a single-person commissioner for the Welsh language with a larger and more representative Commission for the Welsh language – a welcome and progressive move.

Certainly the interviewee – seemingly defending the language – didn't show why that role should have fallen to her, nor did she bring glory on her organisation, which was presumably why she was there.

So yes, Newsnight could well have found a more robust debater for the Welsh corner. But at least she was typical of the vast majority of people in Wales who respect the

language but who cannot, do not want to, and do not feel they should, speak Welsh.

People who might well go along with the swiftly-targeted Julian Ruck when he said many would not really appreciate NHS services suffering cuts in face of a perceived unassailable language budget.

I do hope this does not provide another byway to take focus away from the new commission.
Dr Jean Silvan Evans,
Peterston-super-Ely.

GEM NOTE:

The BBC has since admitted it was wrong to select two non-Welsh speakers to debate this contentious subject live on UK-wide television.

While it is unarguable that the majority of Welsh people do not currently use the language, surveys suggest there is widespread support for concerted attempts to address this, with hopes resting particularly on the young.

Curb scooter menace

I AM sure Mrs Wright (GEM letters, August 17) is correct in saying there is a plot to get rid of old people.

I am also in my late 80s and try to keep walking. I am sure we have met on our way to town and talked about the dangers of scooters and bikes on the pavement.

At least could something be done about Porthcawl, which is used as a racetrack for scooters?

Only last week, a very old man was hit by a child on a scooter, and when she fell off it and cried, the mother shouted and screamed obscenities at the old man for knocking the child down.

Surely it is possible to put notices up banning scooters and bikes from being ridden on the pavement? Some scooters are even ridden into Filco.

Jennifer Thomas,
Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 31)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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26 Sat	10.13	9.6	22.31	9.5
27 Sun	10.49	9.1	23.04	8.9
28 Mon	11.25	8.6	23.41	8.2
29 Tues			12.07	8.1
30 Wed	00.28	7.9	12.59	7.6
31 Thur	01.34	7.4	14.27	7.3

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Man jailed for attack on two women

A BARRY man who attacked two women, one his former partner, and committed other offences, has been jailed for 23 months at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Judge Stephen Hopkins QC branded 27-year-old Nathan Pearceon: "A thug and a bully."

He told him: "You are someone who beats up women and you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Pearceon, of Tyr Gyfraich, had admitted assaulting Clare Barrett and Janet Lloyd, plus offences of witness intimidation and possessing a bladed item.

Prosecutor Laurence Jones said the defendant had a relationship for some years with Ms Barrett and she left their property.

On June 8, he had an argument with her, and without any provocation, punched her to the head and threw toys, milk and hot food at her.

He then obtained a knife and cut her telephone landline. She described herself as "petrified".

Later, when on bail, he went to her flat, he kicked the front door several times.

"He was angry and out of control," said Mr Jones.

Soon after, he grabbed Ms Lloyd by the throat,

something she could not believe had happened to her.

Mr Jones said he was waving a steak knife, began crying, and ran off. When arrested, he denied most of the matters.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said Pearceon believed a reconciliation with Ms Barrett was on the cards and outside the flat he had shouted: "I love you."

It was, said Mr Sharp, a disturbing, distressing incident.

Until recently, he had a stable existence, working as a mobile phone technician, but he acknowledged he had struggled to control his emotions and behaviour.

Some time ago, Mr Sharp said, he had been involved in a car accident, in which a friend had died and this had resulted in Pearceon turning to drugs and alcohol.

He pointed out that he had been in custody for 53 days.

The judge said Pearceon had gone to the flat to intimidate Ms Barrett and he made an indefinite restraining order preventing him having any contact with her.



The '2men4ladies' running team.

'2MEN4LADIES' RUN FOR KIDNEY WALES

A CHARITY event is being held at the Glenbrook Inn, Barry on Friday, September 8 at 7.30pm - to raise funds for Kidney Wales.

Organiser Gary Gould told The GEM: "This evening will consist of a friendly skittles tournament and a raffle, with some excellent prizes provided by local businesses in the community. Everyone is welcome."

In conjunction with the event, Gary and five friends have formed a '2men4ladies' team to also raise funds for Kidney Wales in the Cardiff 10k

event which takes place on Sunday, September 3.

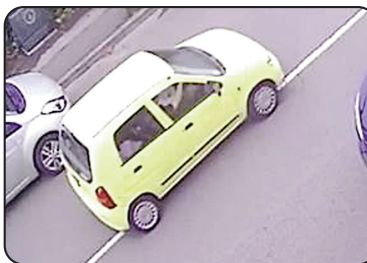
Gary explained: "We are six running friends and come from varied backgrounds but all belong to the same running group."

"We have mixed ability, having runners that have completed 5k up to marathon distances."

"We are looking for our community to get behind us and sponsor us at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gary-goulds."

"We also have a Facebook page where people can follow us - it is www.facebook.com/2men4ladies!"

Police search for vehicle following Barry crash



SOUTH Wales Police are anxious to trace the owners of a yellow vehicle, thought to be a Suzuki Alto.

A police spokeswoman said: "We'd like to speak to them in connection with a road traffic collision which occurred on August 2 at Plymouth Road, Barry, and which left an 11-year-old injured."

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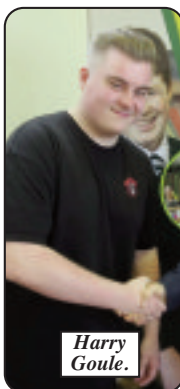
'Hard work pays off,' says Barry headteacher after outstanding A-Level results

BARRY
Comprehensive School sixth-form pupils are celebrating what a spokesperson described as "...another outstanding set of A-Level results".

Headteacher Gerard McNamara said: "Teachers and governors are delighted with the A-Level results. "The A-Level or equivalent pass rate of 98 per cent reflects the dedication and hard work of the students, because hard work pays off."

Mr McNamara cited Austin Kay, who achieved an A* in maths with three other A grades, will read Physics at Swansea University. The headteacher also mentioned pupil Ben Rose, who achieved three As and will read Medicine at Keele University.

"One hundred per cent of pupils who applied for university



Harry Goule.

secured a place," said Mr McNamara.

"I am very proud of all our pupils and wish them every success in the future."

Pupils, and their forthcoming courses of study, include Megan Bell, reading Economics at Cardiff University; Luke Brown, reading Geology at Cardiff University; Taylor Hinchly, reading Bio-Chemistry at Cardiff University; Harry



Megan Bell.

Goule, reading Aerospace Engineering at Swansea University; Elizabeth Scott, reading Business Management Swansea University; Thomas Butler-Sainsbury, reading Primary Education at the University of Chester; Rhys Evans, reading Civil Engineering at Cardiff University.



Thomas Butler-Sainsbury.



Elizabeth Scott.

More than 90 children take part in Romilly Junior Parkrun

AFTER 18 months of planning, Barry Junior Parkrun finally arrived in the town on Sunday, August 13.

Hard work by the team finally paid off as 91 children completed

the course on a beautiful sunny morning.

The event started off with a briefing, and then the runners were taken through a warm-up before lining up for the start. The course was marshalled and results were then processed and published later on the

Barry junior website. Event director Claire Thorne said: "All the hard work was worth it to see all those happy smiling faces."

Junior Parkrun is held at Romilly Park every Sunday at 9am and is free, and open to four to 14-year olds. Parents can run with their children but adults do not get timed. It is 2km timed run over a two-lap course of the park and is organised and run by volunteers.

For more information on Barry Junior Parkrun visit www.parkrun.org.uk/barry-juniors; volunteers can email: barry-juniorshelpers@parkrun.com.

RAFA CLUB REUNION

THE Market Street Club in Barry will host a RAFA (Royal Air Forces Association) reunion on Saturday, September 2.

Kim James told The GEM: "According to one RAFA chap, the club was originally formed in 1938 as The Friends of RAFA Club when the club was due to relocate - because of Hitler's aggression - from RAF Uxbridge to RAF St Athan, which opened operationally on September 1 of that year."

Mrs James said that anyone who visited the club is welcome to attend.

The reunion starts at 7.30pm and tickets, priced at £2.50 each, are available to buy at the bar.

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Just 15 days left on Dinas Powys homes consultation period



A plan of the proposed site.

THERE are just 15 days to go until the end of a consultation period relating to a Barratt Homes' application to build 230 homes at the former St Cyres School site in Dinas Powys.

A public exhibition was held at Dinas Powys parish hall on August 10, which gave details of the plans.

The Dinas Powys By-

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Pass Steering Group says no houses should be built until there is a by-pass which provides an alternative access to any new estate.

Currently, the plan would be for the developers and new residents to use Murch

Road and Murch Crescent.

Zoe Aubrey, planning manager for Barratt Homes South Wales, told The GEM:

"Following the public exhibition, we will continue to consult the public and all

stakeholders with that process set to finish on September 8.

"Following this consultation phase, we will review all comments and make any reasonable amendments before the planning application is submitted to the Vale Council towards the end of September."

Information on the consultation can be found on the following website: www.barrattsouthwalescommunity.com.



Sam Lazenby with the Brynhill captain, Mike Underdown.

A YOUNG golfer from Brynhill GC, Sam Lazenby, has returned from the Special Olympics with a silver medal.

Sam said: "The opening ceremony took place at Bramall Lane, the home of Sheffield United Football Club and although it poured down with rain, the atmosphere was fantastic.

"It was great to walk out with all my teammates and be cheered on by the crowd. After the opening ceremony, the serious business of the golf began.

"I played three 18-hole rounds over three days at Rother Valley Golf Centre in Sheffield. Because of my golf handicap (14), I was placed in the top division.

"I played each day with the same two competitors from Scotland, and we all had caddies who were

fantastic and gave us tips and good advice.

"The course was hilly in places, with some tricky holes and as the weather was variable, both windy and sunny, it made for some interesting golf.

"When I found out I was in second place at the end of day two - 10 strokes behind the leader - I did still feel that I had a chance.

"However, I wasn't able to make up the strokes and came second overall and brought home a silver medal. I

Young Brynhill golfer wins silver medal at Special Olympics

felt pleased with second place because I was not only doing this for myself and for Wales, but for Brynhill as well.

"I am looking forward to playing more golf in the future with the Special Olympics team and hope to compete in more Olympic games in the future."

Sam's mum said: "We are all extremely proud of Sam for his marvellous achievement. He played some fantastic golf and was a remarkable sportsman, encouraging and

congratulating his fellow competitors along the way.

"Not only is he a credit to his family but to his Special Olympic team, Wales and to Brynhill Golf Club where it all began.

"I am convinced that he will go on to achieve his dreams of bringing home a gold medal at a future games, as he is a determined and very ambitious young man."

"Well done Sam."

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Vale A-Level 'delight'

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Barry Comprehensive School saw what was described as a "significant improvement" in its pupils' success in achieving the highest grades. Some 22 per cent of pupils achieved A* or A grades, up from a mere seven per cent in 2016.

It was reported that 77 per cent of pupils at the school achieved A* - C grades, a "significant increase" on last year's total of 53 per cent. Overall 99 per cent of pupils at the school achieved A* - E grades.

Pupils at Stanwell Comprehensive, Cowbridge Comprehensive and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg recorded 35 per cent, 32 per cent and 28 per cent of grades at A* - A respectively.

At AS-Level, the Vale maintained its overall performance from last

year by matching the A - E pass rate of 89.7 per cent, while increasing the number of A grades from 21 per cent to 21.7 per cent.

At this level, the county's "outstanding performer" was Cowbridge Comprehensive School, which saw more than a third of learners achieve A grades, an increase of eight per cent from last year, and 74 per cent of

pupils achieved A - C grades.

The spokesperson said: "The greatest improvement seen was at Barry Comprehensive School, where 36 per cent of pupils received A - C grades; also an eight per cent increase from 2016; and 85 per cent of all pupils achieved A - E grades - up by 22 per cent from last summer."

Biomass opposition

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Mr Liasatos emphasised that the issue was a 'cross-party' one and that DIAG appreciated the support of local MP Alun Cairns and the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Nic Hodges, told the crowd: "I'm delighted with the extension. It means we can do more."

He said he had a date for people's diaries - Monday, September 4, at which Barry Town Council would be looking at the latest report it had commissioned, and which he hoped would bolster opposition to the plant at

the docks. Another speaker was 11-year-old Barry schoolboy, Sam Knox, who said he had a message for the people behind the project:

"If there are no toxic emissions, why build a chimney?"

"If the emissions are not toxic like you say, I want you to bend the chimney back round into your offices."

Biomass says the project at the docks is safe, and not hazardous to the health of people.

It has also emphasised that it will be monitored by the terms of the environmental licence, if it is granted.

Couple hand church a sound cheque



Father Kevin Lake (right) with Lyndsay of The Vale Funeral Service.

AS part of their community support, Lyndsay and Nicki Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service have funded a new sound system costing just under £2,000, for All Saints' Church, Barry.

The donation came about when Mr Ellis was conducting a funeral and having to provide their own sound system.

Father Kevin Lake, team vicar at All Saints' Church, mentioned that they were looking into a new system but it would cost around £2,000.

Mr Ellis said that he could help, and the result has certainly made a difference, said Father Kevin.

"The system has transformed, not just the liturgy and music within our church services, but also enhances the sound for the concerts, both classical, choral and solo."

The couple have also funded and donated funeral cones in order that cortege vehicles can park outside the church.

Mr Ellis explained that parking is sometimes an issue and the cones would hopefully solve the problem.

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The 'Laconia Incident' is remembered at Probus

BEFORE the meeting commenced, the members stood for a minute's silence in memory of David Southall, who died recently at the age of 95.

David was a long-term member and a much-loved past headmaster of St Andrews School.

On Tuesday, August 15, Helen Charles recounted to the members the sinking in 1942 of the troop ship *Laconia* and of her survival thereafter as a five-month-old baby.

The ship, formerly a cruise liner, had been requisitioned as a World War Two troopship and had sailed from Cape Town en route to the UK.

On board were 3,000 passengers, of whom 1,800 were Italian prisoners of war. Among the passengers were Helen's parents, returning from service overseas.

Captain Sharp, who was in command, was worried that the black smoke from the funnel would provide a visible target for German submarines patrolling the south Atlantic, and also, by the knowledge that the number of life-boats would be insufficient in

case of emergency.

The ship was hit by two torpedoes at 8pm as passengers were preparing for a dance. To reduce the risk of detection, the *Laconia* was banned from sending radio messages, but before Captain Sharp ordered "abandon ship", he sent out an emergency SSS signal (sunk by submarine) that the ship was sinking.

The passengers were fortunate that the submarine was commanded by *Korvettenkapitän* Werner Hartenstein, who, despite Hitler's orders, always did all that he could to help survivors of ships he torpedoed, often at the risk of exposing himself and his crew to attack by enemy planes.

All passengers had rehearsed lifeboat drill, but the boat allocated to Helen's parents had been destroyed in the explosion. The struggle to find an alternative was hampered by the increasing tilt of the ship as it began to sink but they were all eventually put into a boat.

Helen's father remembered grabbing a pack of nappies, her mother grabbed her knitting. The lifeboat held 80, with nine others hanging on to the sides begging to be hauled in.

An RAF officer on board shot them all to avoid the boat being over-loaded.

It took two days before help began to arrive, but Admiral Dönitz of the *Kriegsmarine*, ordered that no attempts were to be made to kill people in the water or in the boats, remembered now as 'The *Laconia* Order'.

They were, however, attacked by an American bomber, who mistook the situation and destroyed two boats and the people in them.

Some survivors were taken on board Hartenstein's submarine to be fed and clothed and put onto other German submarines as they arrived.

Other nations also sent help, but no help came from Britain, who thought the report of the attack was a hoax.

One young officer on the submarine placed a water-proof sheet on his bunk so that Helen wouldn't wet his mattress.

Approximately 2,000 persons died, including Captain Sharp, many of them Italian POWs who had been confined in the



WERNER HARTENSTEIN.

holds. Helen and her family were eventually rescued and taken at first to Casablanca and then to a POW camp in Morocco, arriving home in south Wales during December 1942.

Sadly, Werner Hartenstein and his entire crew were later lost, but his humanity was not forgotten.

Some survivors, including Helen, travel to Germany on a regular basis to meet his family and talk to schools about the need for international friendship.

The vote of thanks was given by Arthur Coxon. **CR**

Richard Taylor skate park jam



Jane Hutt AM
with Rob and
Gaynor Taylor.

ON Saturday, August 19, Jane Hutt AM joined Gaynor and Rob Taylor at the Richard Taylor Skate Park Jam in the Memorial Skate Park on the Knap.

The park was established in memory of 23-year-old skater Richard, who died on August 7, 2004.

The Vale AM said: "There was a thrilling display of skaters at this wonderful event - in memory of Richard, our Barry skating champion."

Rotary promotes Young Leaders

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys sponsored Tomos Fazackerley on a five-day Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) course.

Tomos joined young people from Aberystwyth to Newport and took part in the week long outward-bound leadership activities at the Storey Arms Outdoor Activities Centre, in the Brecon Beacons.

RYLA events are for young people aged 16 and 17, who are about to start their working lives or to enter higher education, and who have shown leadership potential and are likely, as adults, to become future leaders.

Students are put into mixed groups of complementary ability where they take part in outdoor activities. They are placed in challenging situations to help develop leadership and team bonding skills and to increase personal confidence.

After a day's intensive training, all students have a chance to lead their team in caving, canoeing, gorge and hill walking. Tomos had the opportunity to lead on the caving activity.

He took responsibility for explaining the task and the skills involved, as well as ensuring that the other students are aware of risks and safety

issue.

Tomos said: "The course was enjoyable and good fun and I would like to thank Dinas Rotary Club for allowing me to attend. I had a great time."

"I chose caving as the activity that I would lead my group on - but I also really enjoyed gorge walking."

The Rotary Club of Dinas Powys would like to pass on its thanks to all the instructors and staff at Storey Arms Centre, for once again making RYLA such a success. **AS**

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PENARTH FAMILY REMEMBERS ALBERT, WHO DIED 100 YEARS AGO AT PASSCHENDAELE



Albert's nephew, John Angove.

All Saints Church roof fund receives a £20k boost

All Saints' Church in Barry has received a £20,000 National Churches Trust (NCT) Repair grant to help fund urgent roof repairs.

The church currently suffers from a roof that not only lets water in when it rains, but also consists of roof tiles that constantly appear to be falling off.

The grant means that All Saints' will be transformed into a structurally sound and watertight building able to show its heritage to its full potential, as well as becoming a 'fit for purpose', fully functioning community building again.

Welcoming the grant, the Rector, Rev Ben Andrews, said: "We are delighted to receive this grant, which is a huge help in this important project. It will be wonderful to have a long-awaited new roof on All Saints' Barry, which will then allow the building to be fully engaging with the community."

Paul Donovan, chair of the roof restoration project, added: "We are most grateful to the National Churches Trust

(NCT) for its generous grant which is supporting us towards our target of £230,000. With this additional grant we will be able to start work on the roof next month, due for completion in December 2017. This means that for most of the winter season we will be warm and dry and we will be able to concentrate our efforts on serving the community of Barry and beyond."

All Saints' Church was built to meet the needs of the increase in population, following the construction of the Barry Docks. The foundation stone was laid on February 8, 1907. The 74-foot tower has 135 steps. A clock and peal of bells, weighing in at 3.4 tons, were installed in 1946 as a war memorial and thanksgiving for peace.

Huw Edwards, broadcaster and journalist and vice-president of the NCT, said: "I'm delighted that All Saints' Church in Barry is to be saved for the future with the help of a £20,000 National Churches Trust Repair Grant. This will ensure that the church remains open and a key community resource for local people."

A LOCAL family remembers one of Penarth's fallen of World War One, who died 100 years ago during the battle of Passchendaele.

Herbert Albert Barrett, known as Albert Barrett, was born in Penarth in 1892, the son of Thomas (a blacksmith) and Rosina Barrett of 5 Ivy Street.

In 1901 the family lived at 6 Paget Terrace; after being widowed in 1911, Rosina Barrett moved her family to live at 9 Maughan Terrace.

Albert was a grocer's assistant and was baptised at All Saints church (November 30, 1892). He was one of eight siblings, brother of Thomas, Winnifred, Alfred, Grace, Jack, Rachel and Jean.

He attended the National School in Penarth (now known as St Cyres).

He originally served as a private in the Welsh Regiment (service number 49466) before being posted to the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), known as the 'Suicide Club', service number 102035.

Albert was killed on August 23, 1917 aged 24 and is buried in LH 14 Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. He saw action at the battles for Pilkem Ridge and Langemark during the battle of

Passchendaele.

Although he had no children of his own, he is survived by his oldest living relative (amongst others), John Angove aged 94 (nephew) the son of Winnifred, who married Ken Angove and lived in Cogan; and also the family of his sister, Rachel, who married Billy Wilson and lived in 46 Arcot Street.

His brother, Thomas Barrett, served as a soldier and is believed to have been lost in France. Jack also served as a soldier and although injured in battle, survived.

This article was supplied to The GEM by Ruth Brennan (nee Wilson), who added the following detail: "Herbert Albert Barrett was included on the Cenotaph in Alexandra Gardens, Penarth, but unfortunately his name was misspelt as Bartlett."

"However after many conversations with various bodies, we were finally able to have his name re-engraved correctly."

She added: "Thanks to Dr Jonathan Hicks, head of St Cyres School for the only photo of Albert that the present family have seen, as all previous photos were accidentally destroyed."

GEM note: The photos referred to above were, unfortunately, too dark for newspaper reproduction.

'Fun day' and dog show in Dinas Powys

DINAS VETS' practice owner, Emily Ward-Smith, with the support of the local community council, is putting on a Dinas Powys 'family fun day and fun dog show' on Bank Holiday Monday, August 28.

It will take place on the village common from 10am - 3pm.

Emily said: "There will be a bouncy castle, mini-tennis, stalls, games for children, an 11-legged race (two humans with three legs and two dogs on leads), a dog egg and spoon race (dog on lead, owner holds egg), canine athletics, and a dog

show with fun and serious classes."

The classes are: Best Pedigree; Best Cross Breed; Waggiest Tail; Best Junior Handler; Doggy Egg and Spoon; 11-legged race (£3 per class).

People can visit Dinas Vets on Cardiff Road in the village for a dog show entry form.

Emily added: "Everyone is welcome to come; it should be a lovely day out."

If anyone would like to support the event or needs more information, email: info@fundayfestival.co.uk



Barry park claims to have biggest 'outdoor active zone' in Britain

GLADSTONE Gardens now boasts the biggest 'outdoor active zone' in Britain after major refurbishment work carried out by the Vale Council.

The park in Buttrills Road is the latest to be revamped as part of a widespread park improvement project across the county.

In February, an outdoor gym was opened, the largest in the country, offering both adults and children the chance to try fitness programmes available.

This refurbishment is part of a major investment in park facilities across the Vale, with other sites in Barry and spaces in Penarth also receiving a makeover.

Members of Barry Youth Action (BYA) ran sessions with students in two local schools, Ysgol

Sant Curig and Gladstone Primary School, along with members of the Youth Service and staff from the council.

BYA member Eleri Borges, aged 16, said: "Improving Gladstone Gardens was one of the first issues that we brought up as a group. We wrote to the Vale Council who said they had funding to help us."

"We held our own consultation in schools, as a lot of them are close enough and use the park a lot in the summer. We wanted to ask them what they wanted to see in the park, and now the place is always busy."

In September, works commence on the final stage of upgrading both the lower and the upper gardens.

The work, expected to take 12 weeks, includes upgrading the footpaths, trees, planting spring bulbs, cleaning the pond and building new seating areas.

Parts of the park will be closed and pedestrians will be redirected during the works.

Dinas Powys honours her fallen sons at Passchendaele

FEW people who watched the recent broadcasts from Ypres, marking the centenary of the Passchendaele offensive in the First World War, could fail to have been moved by the truly memorable scenes from the Menin Gate and Tyne Cot, attended by Prince Charles, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prime Minister Theresa May, the King and Queen of the Belgians, and so many others.

Passchendaele, fought between June and November 1917, is chiefly remembered for the horrendous mud and the half million casualties, all for an exchange of just five miles of territory.

Coming just a year after the Battle of the Somme, it marked the end of the boyish enthusiasm of the young volunteer army recruited by Lord Kitchener, and the realisation of the truly brutal nature of modern industrialised warfare.

Among those who fought at Passchendaele were a handful of men from Dinas Powys, and four who lost their lives and who are now remembered on the Memorial on the Twyn.

George Mervyn Stothert lived at Rosebank in what was then Old Mill Road, Dinas Powys, and was the son of a prominent coal and shipping

merchant who had died when he was nine years old.

He attended Monkton House School and was commissioned as a young first lieutenant in the Welch Regiment. Though only 20, he was battle-hardened by the time that Passchendaele was fought.

While leading a patrol at Boesinghe on the northern outskirts of Ypres, he was wounded by a shell and later died at the local casualty clearing station.

On his grave at the Mendingham Military Cemetery are inscribed the words *Post Nubes Lux* (after clouds, light).

Henry George Trotter lived with his widowed mother at 2 Castlewood Cottages, Dinas Powys. He was a wheelwright by trade.

When war broke out he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, but was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Welch Regiment. His two brothers also volunteered, and survived the war.

But Henry lost his life on August 16, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Langemark, which was part of the Passchendaele offensive. He is buried at the Dozinghem Military Cemetery.

John Gregory Morgan was born in Caerphilly. His parents later moved to the Cwm in Millbrook Road,

Dinas Powys, but John remained with his widowed grandmother, assisting in the family butcher shop.

By 1916, the number of new volunteers for military service was dwindling and conscription was introduced.

John was conscripted into the Royal Army Service Corps, but later joined the Lancashire Fusiliers. He fought his way through the Battles of Menin Road and Pilkem Ridge, but finally succumbed, aged 28, just after the Belgian village of Passchendaele was captured by Canadian forces.

His remains were never identified, and his name is one of 35,000 others inscribed at the Tyne Cot memorial.

Edward John Miles had a more humble beginning. His single mother had died when he was an infant, and he and his sister lived in an

institution, before being taken in by his uncle and aunt, who lived in Eastbrook, later moving to Llanbleithan. Their son, David Miles was the first and also the youngest soldier from Dinas Powys to have died in the war, at Aubers Ridge in 1915.

Edward left home at 15 to become an apprentice bricklayer. In 1914, aged 18, he was among the many youngsters who volunteered.

He fought and survived for three long years, but died on December 31, 1917, from wounds sustained at Passchendaele. He, too, is buried at Dozinghem.

And so we remember Passchendaele, and the stoic heroism of the many, among whom there were several brave young men from our own locality whose memory we honour.

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Seventeen sign up for Sully U3A

ON Thursday, August 10, Sully U3A held its annual open day.

This is always a popular event in the calendar, exhibiting some 30 different activities, offering something for everyone. It is a good opportunity for non-members to find out what U3A is about and has to offer. We signed up 17

new members on the day, with many more people taking information home to assess whether they would like to join Sully U3A in the future.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 14 in The Old School, Sully at 2pm when Anthony Walton will talk on 'Birds in the Garden'. New members are always welcome.

MIKE BIRNAGE

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PUNCHING ABOVE ITS WEIGHT! Vale Council Leader John Thomas and cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Gordon Kemp, join members of the parks team celebrating Green Flag success.

Vale Council wins Green Flag poll

THE Vale Council has celebrated recent Green Flag success with an awards ceremony at Barry Island.

A spokesperson said: "Last month, it was revealed that the authority had once again punched above its weight, to emerge as one of the best performing counties in Wales in the annual Green Flag Awards."

Judging body Keep Wales Tidy gave seven sites maintained by the Vale Council Green Flag status, the mark of a 'top-

quality outdoor space'.

Romilly Park, Central Park, Victoria Park, The Knap Gardens, Barry Island Promenade and Gardens, Belle Vue Park and Alexandra Park/Windsor Gardens all gained the accolade, along with The Kymin in Penarth and Barry's Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, while nine 'community sites' also received Green Flags.

They include Barry Community Garden, Birchgrove Woodlands, Cowbridge Physic Garden, Cwmaltwg Local Nature Reserve, the Elizabethan Orchard,

Old Hall Gardens, Upper Orchard Field, Wenvoe, Wenvoe Community Orchard and the Welsh Orchard in Wenvoe.

The volunteers that maintain those sites were rewarded with certificates, while county council workers who help to look after the parks, also received recognition.

Parks are judged on eight criteria, including cleanliness, safety, standard of maintenance, community involvement, sustainability, management, conservation and heritage.

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GVS plans a BIG volunteering fair

The BIG Volunteering Fair is calling all charity and community groups!

Are you looking for volunteers? Do you need extra support?

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting The BIG Volunteering Fair on Thursday, October 12 from 11am - 4.30pm at Barry Memorial Hall.

The BIG Volunteering Fair is an ideal opportunity to showcase your charity and community group to

promote your volunteering opportunities and recruit volunteers.

The fair is likely to have a wealth of prospective volunteers in attendance, with over 300 people attending the previous fair in January.

Spaces are now limited, so book today before the deadline of August 31.

If you represent an organisation and would like to attend our fair and book a stall, contact GVS on 01446 741706; e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales, or www.gvs.wales.

Nice weather for the ducks – as 400 take part in river race!



FOUR hundred ducks took to the water recently for the 15th annual ValePlus Duck Race.

This year's event was held on the Cadoxton River in Dinas Powys and a large appreciative crowd were in attendance to cheer on their ducks.

A good flow of water after recent rain saw record times being set and kept the duck catchers on their toes as the ducks came past the finishing line.

Twelve prizes were awarded to heat winners and the grand prize in the final was won by Michael Hardy.

Steve Thomas, the race organiser thanked everyone who took part and all those who attended and supported the event by buying ducks. The money raised will be used to improve the services provided to ValePlus service users.

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Merchant Navy service will be held in Barry

A CEREMONY will be held to honour members of the Merchant Navy and remember those of the earlier Mercantile Marine.

The ceremony will be hosted by the Vale of Glamorgan Council on Friday, September 1, at the Civic Centre at 10am, at the Merchant Navy Monument. The ceremony will remember and commemorate all seafarers, past and present.

The Vale authority will 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' and remember and honour the brave Merchant seafarers who have made the ultimate sacrifice throughout our history, but particularly during the two World Wars and conflicts since.

Since 2000 and the first Merchant Navy Day, the Vale – working

with the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch – has honoured the brave men and women who kept our island nation afloat during both world wars, and celebrated our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers – who are responsible for 95 per cent of the UK's imports, including half the food we eat.

This year, Seafarers UK has campaigned for the Red Ensign – the UK Merchant Navy's official flag – to be flown on public buildings and landmark flagstaffs across the UK.

Parish, town, community, city and borough councils have all been invited to take part, along with higher-tier local authorities and governments. Barry Town Council will again be represented with the Red Ensign flying at the Memorial Hall and by

attending the Merchant Navy Monument tribute.

Seafarers UK's president HRH The Earl of Wessex said: 'I very much hope you will support this campaign to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy.'

The Merchant Navy Memorial at Barry was created in 1996 to commemorate the merchant seamen of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan, who died in the First and Second World Wars.

The Anchor Memorial at the old dock side tributes all seafarers; many sailed from the port but could not return. Our veterans did not forget about us.... let's not forget about them.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch.

Campaigner's call for public to support 'council-tax charities'

A humanitarian campaigner is determined to help communities in developing countries – by ensuring people can make voluntary donations to support causes via their council tax.



Godfrey Knight.

Over a number of years, Godfrey Knight has held a number of events in Barry to raise funds for the people of Haiti. The country suffered an earthquake in 2010 leaving an estimated 168,000 people dead.

Mr Knight wants to see councils being given the powers to collect money to pass on to charities, and he has had initial meetings with a number of prominent politicians to explain how it would work.

It may require legislation, but he thinks that if the will is there, it can be achieved.

He said: "The idea is that people, if they wish, would be able to make a voluntary donation to a particular cause alongside their council tax payment."

"Members of the public would be able to nominate causes and councillors could then debate which ones would be on the council forms for the following year."

People would then be able to tick a box and state an amount.

Mr Knight said: "I understand that some people may not be able to afford to make a commitment, but others would."

Mr Knight's individual concern is that there are huge numbers of children in the Third

World who are not receiving the same medical support as those in more developed countries. He believes an extra stream of finance collected via council tax would speed up projects.

"Millions have been invested in the development of drugs and they are waiting to be used."

He points out that the vaccine to protect children from rotavirus costs £2, and it costs 15p to protect children from measles.

Mr Knight says the co-founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates, is an inspiration in this area. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has invested billions of dollars into vaccine initiatives.

According to the foundation – "One in five children worldwide are not fully protected with even the most basic vaccines."

"As a result, an estimated 1.5 million children die each year – one every 20 seconds – from vaccine-preventable diseases such as diarrhoea and pneumonia."

Godfrey wants to form a committee of like-minded people to campaign for charitable donations via council tax. Those interested can contact him on 01446 749727.

Man creates a buzz with new hotel for bees!



Mervyn Greenwood with his bee hotel.

IN the all-Wales Volunteer of the Year awards judged by Keep Wales Tidy, Mervyn Greenwood from Wenvoe was runner-up.

A spokesman for Wenvoe Wildlife group, where Mr Greenwood volunteers, said: "This is a fantastic achievement

and really reflects the hard work Mervyn puts in, whatever the weather. Mervyn is an example to young and old."

Amongst Mr Greenwood's achievements this year have been the design and construction of a bee hotel, which has attracted a lot of interest from both people and bees.

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Petition on disputed 'Knap mast' handed to the Vale Council planning department

TELECOMMUNICATIONS company Vodafone is proposing to erect a 41-foot (12.5 metre) tall telephone mast with six-foot-tall ancillary cabinets in front of the main entrance to the Lake Gardens, a location campaigners point out is a 'Green Flag' park and within the Barry marine conservation area.

The Vale Council withdrew consent for a mast on land above the Bull Cliff due to local opposition, and the company abandoned the location in front of the Bridge Café because underground services were found there.

Campaners emphasise the Knap area is a busy tourist location and an important local amenity.

They say a mast would have a damaging visual impact on the popular cafes, restaurants and shops.

In recent weeks, a petition of the people opposed to erecting a mast at the Knap has amassed 616 signatures.

It was presented to the Vale planning department last Friday, August 18, and a copy will be sent directly to Vodafone for its attention.

Barry resident Nette Harkus said: "Many people have suggested



Nette Harkus and Glyn Pooley presenting the 616-signature petition to planning official Marcus Bayona-Martinez (with hands in pockets).

using the railway land or the local car park but

Vodafone has rejected the railway land because they say a mast 58ft (17.5m) high would be required which 'would have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the area.'

"The planning application says that the council are 'not interested' in using the Bron-y-Mor car park, but many petitioners feel it would be a less prominent location.

"We need to protect our environment, townscapes and beauty spots from insensitive and obtrusive development."

Welsh Secretary and local MP Alun Cairns said many constituents

had contacted him regarding Vodafone's proposal and he understood the root of their concerns.

He said: "It is crucial that all residents and business owners surrounding the proposed mast are aware of the effects it would have.

"Therefore, I have invited Vodafone for a meeting in order that I can present to them the questions and concerns which have arisen as a result of their proposal.

"Nette Harkus has been instrumental in collating the main concerns of those affected and I thank her for bringing these to my attention."

Mr Cairns said that

people can contact him in relation to the matter at the email alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.

He added that he would be letting local people know how the meeting went, in due course.

The GEM put the local campaigners' concerns to Vodafone and a spokesperson responded:

"Vodafone and O2 customers expect to be able to use their mobiles and devices where they live, work and travel.

"Base stations are low-powered devices which cover approximately half a mile in radius; therefore, we have to put base stations close to our customers.

"Vodafone and O2 identified that they need to improve the coverage to their customers in Barry.

"We have undertaken an extensive search of the local area and discounted 14 alternative sites, before determining that the proposed site at footpath of Bron-Y-Mor at the junction with Lakeside is the best available site to provide coverage locally.

"The proposed development would provide 3G and 4G services to local residents and tourists."

Friends and Neighbours go on a magical mystery rail tour

The group lunched in historic setting.



FRIENDS and Neighbours enjoyed a nostalgic and memorable 'mystery trip' as part of their programme to Forest of Dean Railway and Abbey Mill in Tintern for lunch.

Some 50 members and volunteers from the Barry-based group arrived at Forest of Dean Railway's Norchard Station, having time to look around the impressive museum documenting the history of the line and others

around the Forest of Dean.

Some enjoyed chatting to the volunteers who looked after the museum and obligingly answered questions. We all then boarded the train, with those less able-bodied being helped on via the ramp with their scooters and aids etc. We had a reserved carriage.

As we steamed along to the many different villages, stopping at Parkend and Whitecroft, some members got off to look around the stations, and enjoy the attractive views and countryside.

The whole experience for many was nostalgic as I heard many of them saying: "Used to go here with the children," or: "I haven't done this since I was a girl."

We passed through Lydney Town and Lydney Junction and arrived back in Norchard after some two hours on the train. We then set off to Abbey Mill Wye Valley Centre for lunch in an attractive restaurant set in the original old mill buildings which once served Tintern Abbey. **GF**

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A-Level celebrations at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg



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ABOVE: Jac Evans, Caleb Darwin and Brendan Scott.



Elen Dafydd.



Niamh Cooper.



Nieve Briscoe.

PUPILS, parents, teachers and governors at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg are celebrating excellent A-Level examination results this year as the school achieved a pass rate of 100 per cent of pupils achieving two or more A-Levels at A*-E.

92% of pupils gained 3 or more A Levels at A*-E whilst 80% of the year group gained 3 or more A Levels at A*-C. 27.3% of all grades were A*-A.

The Welsh Baccalaureate in its new format is a particular strength of the school, with 66% of all pupils gaining A*-C grades, 18% gaining A*-A grades and of the 8 BTEC grades achieved 7 were graded at Distinction level.

Headteacher Hywel Price said: "I wish to congratulate in particular Elen Dafydd for gaining 4A* grades, thus gaining entry to the London School of Economics: 'We are delighted that we have two students this year who have been successful in their applications to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Nia Fenn, who achieved three A* grades and one A grade, will be attending Keble College, Oxford, to read Human Sciences.

"Having achieved two A* grades and two A grades, Caleb Darwin will read Human, Social and Political Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge. He has also been awarded a Gwalia scholarship by his college as a result of his performance.

"Lois Aled excelled with 2A* and 4A grades and will pursue a Medical course in Bristol. Brendan Scott also excelled, gaining 3A* grades and will study mathematics at Bath University.

"Other students who achieved extremely high grades are Jac Evans with 2A* and 1A, Rhodri Davies 2A* and 2A, Alys Griffiths 1A* and 2A grades, Niamh Cooper with 1A* and 3A grades and Ben Brown 1A* and 2A grades.

"Congratulations to all the pupils

and staff and we wish all pupils every success in the future. Well done!"

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Bydd Nia Fenn, a sicrhodd 3A* ac 1A yn mynd i Goleg Keble, Rhydychen i astudio Gwyddorau Dynol.

Bydd Caleb Darwin yn astudio Gwyddorau Gwleidyddol. Cymdeithasol a Dynol ar ol sicrhau 2A* a 2A. Llwyddodd Caleb i ennill Ysgoloriaeth Gwalia eleni fel canlyniad i'w berfformiadau academaidd.

Llwyddodd Lois Aled i sicrhau 2A* a 4A a bydd yn astudio cwrs meddygol ym Mryste, bydd Brendan Scott yn astudio mathemateg yng Nghaerfaddon ar ol sicrhau 3A*, tra llwyddodd Jac Evans i sicrhau 2A* ac 1A, Rhodri Davies 2A* a 2A, Alys Griffiths 1A* a 2A, Niamh Cooper 1A* a 3A a Ben Brown 1A* a 2A.

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MEDICAL SCIENCE NEWS

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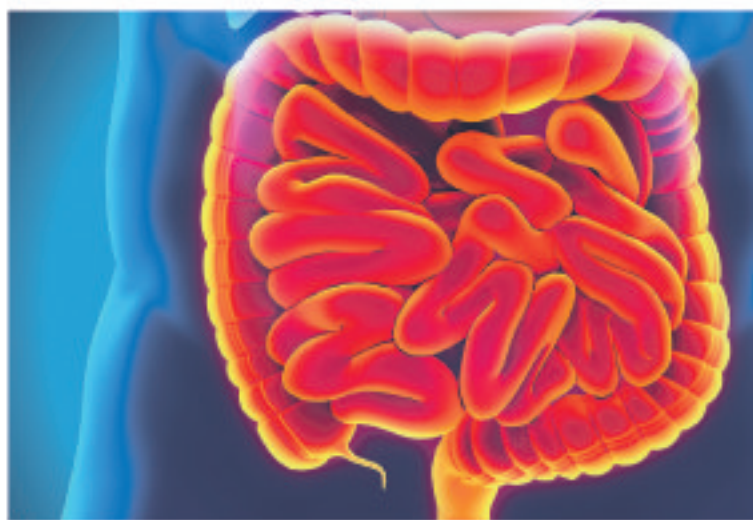
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A brass quartet, canapes, champagne, mystery prizes – AND A CHAMPION PUBLIC SPEAKING TEAM!

THE south Wales branch of the English-Speaking Union was blessed with fine weather as members enjoyed the stirring music of the brass quartet from the Cardiff and Vale Youth Orchestra, captivating canapes from Beppe Villa of the Really Fresh Food Company, and mystery prizes run by the ladies of Bridgend Soroptimist International.

This was also the opportunity to recognise the outstanding performance of the public speaking team from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Barry, which won the Welsh Schools' Final and went on to triumph in the UK national final at Churchill College, Cambridge, as the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Meredith presented prizes to chairman Twm Aled, speaker Huw Jones, and



ABOVE: Derek Morgan, Morfudd Meredith, Enid Child, Lady Inkin, Graeme Morgan, and Sir Brooke Boothby (with magnum of champagne).

questioner Tia Roach. The quest to find the lady and gentleman judged to be dressed in the most appropriate summer garden party attire, was led by branch vice-chairman Lady Inkin and resulted in Sir Brooke Boothby presenting magnums of his best champagne to Enid Child and Graeme Morgan.

Sir Brooke then added to the jollity by appearing with a giant cane and challenged all and sundry to guess the height for a modest £1 a time; amazingly Ray Taylor of Pentrych was just half an inch away from the 24.5 foot length, resulting in Sir Brooke's wine cellar being diminished by another magnum.

With Anne Morgan



The winning public speaking team – Huw Jones, Tia Roach and Twm Aled – are pictured with Morfudd Meredith and Derek Morgan.

organising a most generous raffle with over 40 prizes and Dr Ian Campbell dispensing fine wines at modest prices, over £1,000 was raised to help fund the next round of the Schools' Public Speaking and

Performing Shakespeare competitions, which are so valued by students, parents and teachers in south Wales.

The next event is the branch AGM and lunch with author and journalist Matthew Green who will be

speaking on 'Aftershock' on September 15, at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Details from branch chairman Derek Morgan on 01656 669129, or at esuswb@googlemail.co.uk.



A trio of Lord Lieutenants – Dr Peter Beck, Morfudd Meredith, and Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.

Group wins award

RECENTLY, Tenovus Cancer Care celebrated the contribution of their volunteers at its annual volunteer awards ceremony, at Cardiff's Principality Stadium.

The awards, said a spokesperson, "recognise and celebrate all the volunteers who give up their time and skills to support Tenovus Cancer Care."

Among the winners were Barry Friends of Tenovus Cancer Care Group, the 'Group Award' winner."

The Barry group is celebrating its 50th birthday this year, and over the last 50 years, the group has raised funds, and awareness, of Tenovus Cancer Care in the Barry area.

Mary Thomas, a founding member and

chair, has some stories of when the group first launched five decades ago, when they visited the local community to raise awareness of breast cancer.

The group now holds many events each year, including coffee mornings, quiz nights, whist drives, garden parties and bucket collections in local supermarkets and at Tenovus events.

As the final part of its

birthday celebrations, the Barry group is having a lunch party at the Seashore Grill, Beach Road, Sully on Wednesday, September 20 from 12pm, tickets at £20 per person.

Guests will be treated to a two-course lunch and a glass of fizz.

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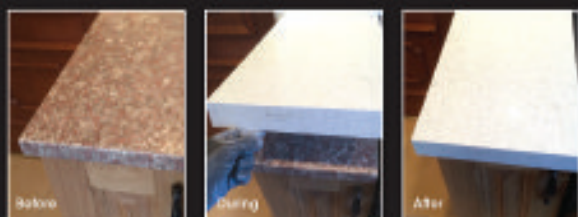
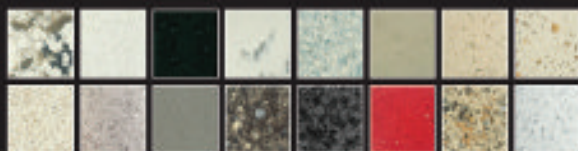
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JA



Lyn and Richard Anthony with HSBC agriculture relationship manager, Justin Long, and the new biomass boiler.

Banking on a bucolic biomass boiler in Bridgend

A 3,000-ACRE family-run farm in Bridgend has secured a six-figure finance package from HSBC, to buy a new biomass boiler – enabling the business to significantly reduce fossil fuel consumption and increase grain yield.

The new biomass boiler will provide Tythegston Farm with a sustainable heating solution to enhance the grain-drying process by allowing the farm to harvest the crop earlier.

By purchasing the new biomass boiler, tenants of the farm, Richard and Lyn Anthony, will also have access to the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), a government initiative that financially

rewards farmers for generating and using renewable energy to heat their businesses.

The funding for the biomass boiler has been drawn from a £300 million lending fund committed by HSBC to support agricultural businesses in the UK, as part of its wider support package to help British SMEs realise their growth ambitions.

The arable farm in Bridgend, which supplies animal feed to farmers across south Wales, has been owned by Richard and Lyn for more than 20 years.

Between them, the husband-and-wife team, alongside their son David, have more than 30 years' experience in arable farming and employ four permanent staff.

TOURIST RAILWAY 'THANK YOU' DAY

FOLLOWING the vandalism at the Barry Tourist Railway recently, the staff say they have been "overwhelmed and truly touched" by many messages of support and offers of help.

"We have, therefore, decided to stage a 'community day' on Monday, August 28 for local people," said John Buxton, managing director of the Barry Tourist Railway.

"Bring along a paintbrush or a set of loppers if you'd like to assist us on the day, or just bring yourself if you'd like to see what goes on behind the scenes at the railway," added John.

"We're organizing a free barbecue for those who turn up at our Plymouth Road site (CF62 5TY) on Bank Holiday Monday between 12pm – 4pm and our heritage trains will be running for those who'd like to explore the rest of the railway," added Kathryn Kemp, the Barry station manager.

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Vote, vote, vote, for Barry YMCA's top young people!

YMCA BARRY is asking local people to vote for two of its inspiring young people ahead of a prestigious national youth awards ceremony hosted this autumn by businesswoman, Sky presenter and BBC's *The Apprentice* winner, Michelle Dewberry.

Barry YMCA's first candidate is Tyrone Power, nominated for 'Young Achiever of the Year' in Youth Matters Awards 2017.

Youth Matters is YMCA's national awards programme that has been an integral part of the charity's calendar since 2009.

Tyrone is up against four other young people from across the country in his category.

He has been entered for the award because of his achievements to date in overcoming homelessness, gaining qualifications in youth work, becoming self sufficient and working towards full time employment.

Tyrone said: "I am really excited to be nominated for such a significant award and to have reached this stage of the process."

"My life has changed so much since getting

involved with YMCA and I hope everyone will support me and vote. To make it through to the final judging panel would be incredible."

Nominator: Mike Smith, media coordinator, YMCA Barry, said: "I couldn't think of a more deserving individual to be nominated for this prestigious award."

"Tyrone's story is a truly remarkable one and I hope this award will recognise just how far Tyrone has come along his journey to living a better life."

The Young Achiever of the Year Award recognises the exceptional achievements of a young person who has overcome significant obstacles to make a real difference to their lives and their community.

Young Worker of the Year

THE second nominee in the 'Young Worker of the Year' category of the Youth Matters Awards, is YMCA worker, Sophie Erickson.

Sophie is also up against four other young people from across the country.

She has been entered for the award because she is highly passionate about gymnastics and giving children and young people of all

abilities the opportunity to take part in gymnastics and reach their own personal potential.

Sophie works tirelessly to encourage and support gymnasts leaving training to become gymnastic coaches of the future, to continue and improve upon the work YMCA Barry does with the young people in the community.

Sophie recognises how important it is to support young coaches and volunteers professionally.

Voting started online at midnight on Monday, August 14 and runs until midnight on Friday, August 25. Votes cast by the public will be combined with judges' choices and the three finalists will be announced on August 29.

All the finalists will attend the ceremony at 8 Northumberland Avenue, in central London, where the winner will be announced.

Sophie said: "I can't believe I was nominated for such a significant award and I am thrilled to have been shortlisted for the online vote!"

YMCA nominator Anthea Clements said: "I am so proud of the staff, the volunteers and the work we carry out at YMCA Barry, for Sophie to have her hard work recognised in this way is fantastic."



Sophie Erickson.



Tyrone Power.

Vote for YMCA of the Year at www.ymca.org.uk/award. Follow YMCA England & Wales on Twitter and join the conversation using #YMA17.

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After a 4,000-mile voyage to 11 countries crewed by volunteers tall ship *Challenge Wales* is heading home to Cardiff

CHALLENGE WALES is set to return to Cardiff – following her biggest summer adventure yet – after sailing over 4,000 miles, crewed mainly by young volunteers – and having represented the UK and Wales in one of the largest youth and cultural events in Europe.

After being away from Cardiff for almost 80 days, Wales' Tall Ship will return to her home port on August 25, just in time to be a feature boat at the Cardiff Harbour Festival on August Bank Holiday weekend.

During her travels, she visited a total of 11 countries, including Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Holland calling in at 35 different ports.

She motored through three canals, welcomed 10 different nationalities onboard, and encountered wind speeds from a frustrating 0 knots to an exhilarating 42 knots.

The entire journey had various

young people onboard with voyages ranging from eight to 14 days. The *Challenge Wales* volunteer crew donated over 9,000 hours of their time to sail the ship, and mentor the young people, on this epic adventure.

Challenge Wales was taking part in the 2017 Tall Ships Races series in the Baltic which brought together a fleet of no fewer than 105 vessels, representing 20 countries and collectively had over 7,000 crew with each vessel being crewed by young people (under the age of 26).

The largest tall ship measured over 122 metres (length), and end-to-end, the vessels stretched almost two miles, with over 2.5 million people visiting the event to make it Europe's largest 'free family festival'.

Tall Ships Race 2017 director, Mike Bowles, said: "The Tall Ships Races provide a unique opportunity for young people to go to sea to learn about themselves and others while developing skills that will stay with them for life – a proven life-changing experience."

"Young people taking part in these races become wonderful ambassadors for their home countries at the same time as learning about other cultures from the other nationalities taking part."

"It was a great pleasure to see the sail training vessel, *Challenge Wales*, representing Wales and the only Welsh-registered vessel taking part. *Challenge Wales* is not only helping to raise awareness of Wales on an international scale but the *Challenge Wales* charity are to be congratulated for their continued commitment to the young people

of Wales whose lives they are so positively influencing."

Tall ships racing has a focus on young people, where a minimum of 50 per cent of the crew must be aged 15 to 25 years, and is an opportunity for young people to meet others from all over the world, share their experiences, learn life skills and make life-long friends and memories.

All those onboard *Challenge Wales* worked as a team and in three-hour watches making sure that the boat finished each leg as quickly as possible.

The event also includes shore-side activities including crew parades through the streets waved on by thousands of onlookers.

Emily (17) from Llantwit Major, said: "I absolutely loved being on *Challenge Wales*."

"Working with a group of strangers, who then became good friends, in an extraordinary environment to meet our goals was fun and a great team-building experience."

"I learnt that it's OK to leave the comfort of your family and try something new," said Tyrone (17) from Cardiff.

In the Tall Ships Races 2017 *Challenge Wales* finished fifth in class and 18th overall.

Challenge Wales returns to Penarth on Friday, August 25 and will be offering free guided tours, for all ages, to those visiting the Cardiff Harbour Festival on August 26- 27 and Bank Holiday Monday, at Mermaid Quay, Cardiff Bay.

AS



Young people meet for the first time before the start of the Tall Ships Races.



Challenge Wales racing in Finland.

COWBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB

THE club recommences after their summer break on Wednesday, September 6.

The demonstrator will be Rosemary Kerr from Wiltshire with 'These Boots are made for Walking'!

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Gundog trainer Mike casts expert eye on Czech Republic



Mike Larkin Czechs out the entries...

MIKE Larkin of Larkin Gundogs, has just returned from a judging and training trip to the Czech Republic.

Mr Larkin, from Ogmere by Sea, who has trained a number of dog champions said: "The competition was held in the mountains outside Prague. Among those present were people from Poland, Austria, Germany and, of course, the Czech Republic.

"People think nothing there of making a 10 or 12-hour car journey to attend an event."

Mr Larkin, a senior judge with the Kennel Club, helped to set the ground up for the competition, took part in training sessions and judged the categories including 'novice', 'intermediate' and 'advanced'.

He also managed to enjoy a day in Prague before flying back to the UK.

Vale to host Ploughing, Hedging and Fencing Championships

THE Vale of Glamorgan will play host to the 58th All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championships and the Five Nations Challenge on September 16 and 17.

This will take place at Boverton Place Farm, Llantwit Major, on land owned by VJ Thomas & Son.

The first day will see the Five Nations Challenge taking place, a competition between Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

There will also be a 'Welsh Dragon Open Championship', a competition for Ferguson T20 tractors and general purpose plough under the Ferguson Club rules. Entries for this close on September 8.

The Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society will also stage a Reversible Ploughing competition and entries for this class close on September 1. The All Wales Championships will then take place on Sunday, September 17 – for the first time in many years, all competition will be on grass.

The two-day event will see horse

drawn, vintage and steam ploughing, plus hedge laying and fencing competitions. There will also be demonstration areas highlighting modern methods of farming and a number of trade stands.

See a cider press and a thatcher at work, plus on Sunday afternoon there will be main ring entertainment provided by Merion Owen's Quack Pack.

Oil4Wales is bringing its stand which will include some Welsh rugby stars available for autograph signing.

Entry is £10 for adults with children 16 years and under free of charge. And if that's not enough, there are trailer rides around the site – free of charge!

President Edward Thomas said: "We are thrilled to be holding this competition again and have competitors from all over the country. There are many rural attractions and demonstrations around the site, as well as watching the country's finest ploughmen, hedge layers and fencers in action."

For further information, contact 07809 050635, or www.welshploughing.com

MP 'hopes to secure mesh implant debate'

THE GEM recently ran a story on a Barry woman who had suffered pain after she had received a mesh implant.

Pauline Inch had attended a Parliamentary meeting at Westminster on July 18 hosted by Owen Smith, the MP for Pontypridd which was addressed by gynaecologists, urologists, and 'Sling the Mesh' campaigner Kath Sansom.

Following the meeting, Mrs Inch was able to pass on contact details to another Vale woman who was concerned by symptoms she was experiencing.

Owen Smith's office has told The GEM that he hopes to have a Westminster Hall debate on 'mesh' in September.

He had previously applied for one in June, but was unsuccessful in the ballot.

'Stroke tests' offered

STROKE UK has joined forces with the Welsh Ambulance Service to invite people to have their blood pressure tested, in order to see if they are likely to suffer a stroke.



Stroke UK shared a stand with the Welsh Ambulance Service at this year's Vale Agricultural Show, and offered visitors the opportunity to hop into their ambulance and have the test.

Among the visitors on the day was Vale MP Alun Cairns who said: "I was quite nervous having the test done, as I realise that a routine of late

nights working and coffee-fuelled early mornings isn't ideal, as far as my health is concerned.

"However, the Stroke UK tester talked me through the whole process – which was actually very quick – and fully explained the results and what they meant.

"It is fantastic that the Welsh Ambulance Service and Stroke UK have been offering blood pressure tests to residents in the Vale – as even the healthiest among us can have underlying symptoms which we would never know about. "When it comes to health, not knowing is not worth the risk."

AM congratulates local A-Level pupils

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has congratulated A-Level pupils across the Vale for their recent results.

Some 28 per cent of students achieved A* and A grades, five per cent higher than the average across Wales.

There were significant improvements at Barry Comprehensive School where 22 per cent of students achieved A* and A grades, up from only 7 per cent last year.

Seventy-seven per cent achieved A*-C grades, up from 53 per cent in 2016.

Pupils at Stanwell School,

Cowbridge Comprehensive and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg recorded 35, 32 and 28 per cent A* and A grades respectively.

Mr Davies said: "I'd like to send my warmest congratulations to students across the Vale for some outstanding results after what I'm sure was a very nervous time.

"While it's wrong to single out anyone in particular, I do think Barry Comprehensive deserves a special mention for such an incredible rise in the number of A* and A grades. The school is a credit to the town.

"Credit must go to all schools, parents, friends and families, but most importantly to the pupils themselves.

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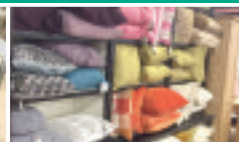
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GVS to hold BIG Volunteering Fair

CALLING all charity and community groups – are you looking for volunteers? Do you need extra support?

Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting The BIG Volunteering Fair on Thursday, October 12 from 11am – 4.30pm at Barry Memorial Hall. This is an opportunity to showcase your charity and community group to recruit volunteers.

Over 300 people attended the previous fair in January. Spaces are now limited, so book before the deadline of August 31.

To book a stall contact GVS on 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales, or at www.gvs.wales.

So much on offer at Samantha B

BUCKLE up ladies, it's going to be exciting!

As the summer has been the usual wash out weather-wise, it's comforting to turn our thoughts to the new season.

We've had lots of lovely new things in and lots of lovely colours.

Bianca never fails to please and is one of our best sellers. Gorgeous plums, accented with winter white and taupe, fabulous dresses and Chanel-style jackets all designed to mix and match, very clever dressing!

Olsen is also one of our favourite labels, we are the only supplier of bianca and Olsen locally so it's nice to have something different.

Classic navy highlighted with lux mustard are always great quality and fit.

Pomodoro has just

landed too! I have a waiting list for their popular pull on trousers, if you don't want to miss out call in and try.

They also design gorgeous dresses – very easy dressing

Expect to see vibrant colours like lime and plum and the ever-popular navy.

This year they have also produced a fabulous boiled wool coat, a great alternative to a heavy winter coat and great over jeans or mixed in with a dress.

Marble is ever popular, the jeans are fab and in new colours with cleverly designed coordinated knitwear.

If you're still in summer mode we still have plenty of bargains – this week pick up two poppy dresses or two poppy trousers for £15!

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Barry Island offers up a VIP welcome to visitors!

COUNCIL Leader Coun John Thomas and Mayor of the Vale, Coun Janice Charles, took time out of a civic event at Barry Island recently to welcome two community groups who had travelled a combined 200 miles for a day at the beach.

There to celebrate the success of the council's parks team in securing seven green flag awards for the Vale for a second successive year, the civic leaders gave two impromptu speeches to a Bangladeshi community group from Birmingham and the 1st Llandrindod Scout group who were both enjoying a day at the island.

The Ektu Onnorokom group had brought eight full coaches filled with around 400 of their



members to the resort as part of a summer family fun day.

Cardiff-based community activist and

Bangla TV presenter Mokis Monsur was a guest speaker at the gathering.

He said: "The group go to different attractions across the country and I recommended they come to Barry Island as it is a great place for children and family alike. The family fun day had sports activities, a cultural

function, prize ceremony, lunch and, of course, a lot of time was spent on the rides and the beach. We thought it would be a great day for everyone, and it really was!"

Coun Thomas said: "It is great to see that the hard work of our tourism and resort management teams pulls in visitors from all across the country."

"We can sometimes forget that not everyone has such easy access to the coast; and meeting people who had made a four-hour round trip for

their day at the beach, was a reminder of just how lucky we are to have a first-class seaside resort on our doorstep."

What's on and where?

Bank Holiday Beach Clean

FOLLOWING a successful trial last year, Friends of Barry Beaches will be taking their monthly beach clean outside Barry for August only, in an attempt to avoid potential Bank Holiday traffic and parking problems.

The month's beach clean will therefore be held on Bank Holiday Monday (August 28) at Gileston Beach, Aberthaw. The clean up will start at 3pm and volunteers should meet at the car park.

For those unsure of the location, the road is opposite the war memorial at St Athan.

New volunteers are invited to join the regular team and litter grabbers, bags and gloves are provided. Children are always welcome but we ask that they are please accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you at Gileston beach on Bank Holiday Monday.

Arthritis advice

IF you have arthritis or are looking after someone with this condition, you are not alone.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session on Tuesday, August 29 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

You will be able to chat to an adviser from Arthritis Care UK who

can offer practical and emotional support.

This is a drop-in session, so no appointment is needed: just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Autumn events at Griffin Books
GRIFFIN Books in Penarth has the following events for the autumn.

On September 14 at 2pm, Rachel Joyce, bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* will be discussing her recently published novel *The Music Shop* in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square. Tickets are £16 which includes a signed copy of the book and a cream tea.

On September 23 at 2pm, comedian Adam Kay will be at St Cyres School, Sully Road to perform extracts from the diaries of his years as a junior doctor in the NHS, *This Is Going To Hurt*. Tickets are £10, redeemable against purchases of the book.

Finally, on October 19 crime writer Martina Cole joins us for a literary lunch at the Glamorganshire Golf Club at 12.30pm.

Tickets at £30 include a two-course meal, tea or coffee and a personally signed copy of Martina's latest book *Damaged*, which sees the return of her iconic heroine DCI Kate Burrows.

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Matchmaking in the bee world: how to get a lost swarm back with a queen

WELL, I have had some honey and I might yet get a little more. I do, however, make sure that it is the bees that keep the major share.

As ever it is the weather that dominates and provides the control factor in the beekeeping world. Unsettled is the best description for it but the colonies are very active when things are suitable.

One of the colonies is still in a nuc-box (a small version of a hive), it is the remnants of a colony that was removed with great difficulty from between the joists of a flat garage roof.

Transferring the comb and bees to a hive box went well enough but of course it did upset the colony a great deal.

In fact on returning the next day all of the bees were discovered on the ground just below the flat roof, a lot of them were busy cleaning out the remaining honey from between the roof joists so we left them at it.

Getting the floor bees into another nuc-box went well enough, they were only too

happy to oblige and so we left them to it.

On returning the next day (towards evening) the bees had vacated the nuc-box and could be seen on the ground nearby. Did they have a queen? Impossible to tell, but not very likely.

Once again they were eager to enter an offered nuc-box, only this time I waited until they were all in and then closed it up and it now resides at Fonmon Apiary where I am feeding it and boosting the numbers with frames of sealed brood (bees waiting to emerge) taken from one of the very active colonies.

So far they are holding on, but there is no sign of a queen in residence. The obvious and best solution is to unite them with one of the other colonies that does have a queen, and this will at least secure their survival.

How will I unite them? Well, it will take place of an evening; the chosen colony will have the roof removed and the cover board lifted off.

This will expose the frames and bees; next, a sheet of newspaper will be spread over the exposed frames and bees and another section of a hive will be

added. Several small holes will be made in the paper cover then the frames from the smaller colony will be transferred to this added box.

Being a smaller colony they won't have enough frames to fill the box so I will fill up the space with a purpose-made blanking frame.

On will go the cover board plus the roof, and over a couple of days the bees above and below the paper insert will chew through it and it is the norm for both lots of bees to accept one another and it seldom fails to work.

Preparation for winter is going to be the next major change in the apiary; the colonies will take the first step when the time is right and the beekeeper will observe the ladies casting out the drones (males) who will not be required because there will be no swarming – hence no new queens to be mated.

Will the winter be cold enough to shut the bees down? Warmer winters will see the colonies still very active; climate change is a noticeable factor in the beekeeping world.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

WRU comes to Barry to raise cash for Ty Hafan



There was a musical 'theme' at Barry's Ty Hafan shop when WRU staff spent a day there.

THE Welsh Rugby Union has raised thousands of pounds for Ty Hafan with an Apprentice-style 'Charity Shop Challenge' at four stores in south Wales last week.

Thirty-five employees teamed up to run Ty Hafan's charity shops in Barry, Bridgend, Caerphilly and Cardiff on August 10, raising a total of £9,428 for the family hospice.

In Barry, the team raised £2,249 selling merchandise donated by the WRU shop and interacted with children and families with singing and dancing on the high street.

Led by former Wales and Ospreys captain, three times grand slam winner and WRU head of

participation Ryan Jones, it was the Caerphilly team who were crowned 'Charity Shop Challenge' champions raising £3,211 with activities including a guest appearance from Welsh referee Nigel Owens.

Bridgend raised £2,440 with the help of British & Irish Lions scrum-half Rhys Webb, who took part in a unique mascot race through the town, while the Cardiff-based team at the Albany Road shop made £1,528 in total.

Rhodri Lewis, head of legal affairs at the WRU Group, said: "We are extremely proud of the effort of all teams who took part in the 2017 Charity Shop Challenge, which has raised more than £9,000 for Ty Hafan. This was corporate team building at its best and

something we'd definitely look to do again in the future."

Matt Bolger, trading general manager at Ty Hafan, said: "The fundraising efforts have a massive impact on the services and support we can provide for life-limited Welsh children and their families. I'd like to thank the WRU on behalf of Ty Hafan for everything you and your teams have done."

You can find out more about the fundraising teams and support their fundraising activities via the following links: www.justgiving.com/wru; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wrutakeover; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/natasha-morgan7; and www.justgiving.com/Ryan-Hopkins2.

Charities link up to roll out young carers' game



Susan Court of Marie Curie hands over 'I Care...Do You?' games to Gill Winter of Carers Trust Wales.

TWO charities have come together to spread support and awareness for young carers across Wales.

Marie Curie was contacted by Carers Trust Wales following an appeal which invited schools to come forward to claim copies of 'I Care...Do You?'

The game was originally developed by Choices Education in collaboration with Swansea Bay Carers Trust Young Carers, Barnardos, Action for Children in 2014 and was later promoted as part of Marie Curie's Big Lottery funded Caring for Carers project, which came to an end in May.

The game aims to raise awareness in young people of the daily challenges young carers face. Players are asked to choose the path of a young carer or young person, with each roll of the dice designed

to demonstrate the everyday issues young carers face while juggling caring for a family member or loved one with their school, home and social life.

Carers Trust Wales is working with eight pilot schools as part of the roll out of the Young Carers in Schools Wales programme and the board game was something they were keen to receive and promote as part of this work.

They visited the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth to pick up a selection of the games, in both Welsh and English.

Gill Winter, carers partnership manager for Carers Trust Wales added: "This is a great icebreaker and perfect for schools to use in PSE lessons."

For more information about 'I Care...Do You?', visit: www.choiceseducation.co.uk.

Vale Ramblers tackle Marilyn

DESPITE some gloomy forecasts, the weather held wonderfully for the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers' walk and we even had occasional bursts of sunshine.

Twenty-seven walkers, after negotiating the major roadworks and diversions, arrived in Llangynidr to set off along the canal for our climb up Tor y Foel, which is listed as one of 158 Marilyn's for those 'peak baggers' in Wales because of its 551m or 1,808ft elevation.

The canal was busy with boats making their way leisurely along, adding colour and friendly greetings to our morning walk. As we neared the start of our ascent, several walkers took off with John Moore who led the group for an easier meander over fields and meadows back

to the canal.

The rest of the group, led by Bill Fawcett, huffed and puffed their way to the top in time for lunch. It was well worth it for the fantastic views over the Talybont Reservoir, Mynydd Llangorse, The Black Mountains, Crickhowell, the Usk valley and way beyond.

Leaving all that behind, making their way down to return along the canal only to find that life moves at a much slower pace on the water, as the group encountered many familiar faces en route, but going the opposite way.

The day ended in the traditional swift half at The Red Lion at Llangynidr, and a very enjoyable day was had by all.

Further information available at ramblers.org.uk/vale-of-glamorgan or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. **Gwenda Fitzpatrick**

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Walking for wellbeing

TWO glorious sunny Thursdays have welcomed a special band of walkers to Cosmeston this month.

The Secondary Breast Cancer Strollers are a new group, led by Lynne Frugnet and offered as part of the walking programme organised by local charity, Valeways.

Lynne is inviting anyone who shares the experience of secondary breast cancer to come along for a stroll in wonderful countryside and enjoy companionable conversation.

Lynne was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer 30 months ago and is offering these group walks to people with the same diagnosis.

Friends and families are welcome to join in too.

The idea is to enjoy the walk in good company, chat en route and have coffee at the end.

Lynne said: "Walking is a great form of exercise and therapy and the specially-targeted strollers' programme allows everyone to walk, talk, and share



Valeways walking groups enjoy beautiful countryside.

news and views in beautiful landscape. If this strikes a chord with you, then do come along, you'll be really welcome."

All walks start from reception at Cosmeston. The next is on Thursday, September 14, and afterwards on the first Thursday of every month, all starting at 10.30am.

Lynne will be identifiable by a green Valeways cap. For further information, contact her on: 02920 598369 or at lynnefrugnet@btinternet.com.

Coffee and cake at Cwmtalwg Woods

ON Saturday, September 2 at 10.30am (if rainy, on Sunday 3) this will take place in the glade with three seats, near the junction of Bramble and Severn Avenues, hosted by Cwmtalwg Woodlands Residents Group.

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Discover more about this prizewinning project which has just won the Green Flag award for the 13th successive year and has recently received a £2,000 Tesco 'Bags of Help' award. After the coffee and cake there'll be a guided walk focusing on the history and wildlife of the nature reserve.

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Class 2 Cow Or Heifer With Calf At Foot Or Cow In Calf: No Entries.

Class 3 Heifer In Calf: 1st SW Pegington, Nanty Gelli Farm, Llangwm.

Class 4 Maiden Heifer: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail.

Class 5 The Welsh County Shows Competition For Pedigree Beef Pairs Owned By The Same Exhibitors: 1st and 2nd Rhys Millichap Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail; 3rd SW Pegington, Nanty Gelli Farm, Llangwm.

Championship For Any Breed Other Than Limousin And Native Beef Breed

The Peter Wood & Sons Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit In The 'Any

Other Breed' classes: Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail. Reserve SW Pegington, Nanty Gelli Farm, Llangwm.

Any Pure Native Beef Breed

Class 6 - Bull Any Age: 1st and 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; 3rd Stephen Lakin, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 7 - Cow Or Heifer With Calf At Foot Or Cow In Calf: 1st Stephen Lakin, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 8 - Heifer In Calf: 1st Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas; 2nd Mr A J Thomas, New Breaua Farm.

Class 9 - Maiden Heifer: 1st Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas; 2nd Mr A J Thomas, New Breaua Farm, Crossways.

Class 10 - The Welsh County Shows' Competition For Pedigree Beef Pairs Owned By The Same Exhibitor: 1st Arwyn

Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas; 2nd Stephen Lakin, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Championship For The Best Hereford Exhibit: (Rosette) For Best Hereford

The Miss Ellen Challenge Cup For The Best Hereford Exhibit: VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; Reserve Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas.

The Best Pure Native Beef Breed

Championship For The Best Pair Of Limousin Cattle (Winner Of Class 15): Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen.

The Hudstone Shield For The Best Pure Native Beef Championship: VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; Reserve Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas.

Limousin

Class 11 - Bull Any Age: 1st and 2nd Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen.

Class 12 - Cow Or Heifer With Calf At Foot Or Cow In Calf: 1st Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen; 2nd E & N

Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilo Crossenny.

Class 13 - Heifer In Calf: No Entries.

Class 14 - Maiden Heifer: 1st LM Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer.

Class 15 - The Welsh County Shows Competition For Pedigree Beef Pairs Owned By The Same Exhibitor: 1st Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen.

The MT Board Cup For The Best Pair Of Limousin Cattle (Winner Of Class 15): Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen.

Champion Limousin

The Arthur John And Co Perpetual Challenge Cup For The Best Exhibit In The Limousin Classes: Champion and Reserve Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm.

The Dalgetty Crossfields Cup For The Best Pair Of Beef Cattle: Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail; Reserve Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm.

Championship The Herbert R Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup

For The Best Exhibit In The Beef Classes: Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail; Reserve Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm.

Herd & Champion Beef

Class 16 Best Beef Herd. Judged On Farm (Min 20 Breeding Cows) Suckler Herd, Pedigree Or Commercial: 1st RD Edwards & Son Pwllwyrach Farm Colwynston; 2nd Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail; 3rd TD Llewellyn & Son, Old Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; 4th Arwyn Prichard, Vians Hill, St Nicholas.

Holstein

Class 17 - Calf Under 12 Months On Day Of Show: 1st and 2nd Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan.

Class 18 - Maiden Heifer Over 12 And Under 18 Months On Day Of The Show (Not In Calf): 1st and 2nd Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Mervyn Thomas Dros-Y-Mor Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner Of Class 18)

Class 19 - Heifer In Calf: 1st Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton; 2nd Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Class 20 - Cow In Calf But Not In Milk - Any Age: 1st R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Class 21 - Heifer In Milk: 1st VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; 2nd Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

The Ladbroke (Bridgend Creamery) Challenge Shield (Winner Of Class 21): VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Class 22 - Junior Cow In Milk (2nd/3rd Lactation Only): 1st Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe; 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; 3rd R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Class 23 - Senior Cow In Milk (4th Lactation And Above): 1st and 3rd R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Class 24 - Group Of 8 In Calf Holstein Heifers: 1st R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; 3rd J Evans & Son, Marcross Farm, Marcross; 4th G Anthony, Haregrove Farm.

The Golden Vale Dairies Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner Of Class 23): R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Championship For The Best Holstein Exhibit

The Glynnne Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup For The Best Exhibit In The Holstein Classes: Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe; Reserve R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Pure Other Dairy

Class 25 - Maiden Heifer (Not In Calf): 1st and 3rd Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm; 2nd RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend, CF32 0eu.

Class 26 - Heifer In Calf: 1st and 2nd RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm; 3rd Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm.

Class 27 - Dairy Cow: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm.

The Richard Taylor Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner Of Class 27): Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm.

Class 28 - Heifer In Milk: 1st Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm; 2nd R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Championship For Any Other Pure Dairy Breed

The GAH Samuel Memorial Perpetual Challenge Bowl: Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm; Reserve Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm.

Groups & Dairy Championships

Class 29 - Interbreed Production And Inspection Classes (Nnr & Cis): 1st, 2nd and 3rd R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup (Winner Of Class 29) R & M Lougher & Sons Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Class 30 - Best Pair Of Dairy Females, Owned And Shown By The Same Exhibitor: 1st R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; 2nd Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm.

Championship For The Best Exhibit In The Cattle Classes

The Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy: R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; Reserve Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm.

Class 31 Group Of Three Dairy Cattle, Owned By The Same Exhibitor: 1st R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm; 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; 3rd Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm.

The Corporation Of Cowbridge Perpetual Challenge Bowl For The Best Group Of Dairy Cattle (Winner Of Class 31): R & M Lougher &

Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Championship For Best Dairy Calf (Classes 17,18,25): Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm; Reserve R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Championship For Best Heifer In Milk (Classes 21 & 28): VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; Reserve Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm.

Championship For Best Cow In Milk (Classes 21 & 28): Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm; Reserve R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Championship For The Best Dairy Cow Or Heifer In The Show

The T J Worwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm; Reserve R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

Supreme

Championship For The Best Exhibitor In The Cattle Classes, The Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tynyrefail; Reserves VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; Gareth Jenkins, Tynyrefail Farm, Groes Faen; Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm.

Class Handling

Class 32 - Handler 12 And Under On The Day Of The Show. Calf 12 Months And Under - Any Breed: 1st VJ Thomas & Sons (May Thomas), Pancross Farm; 2nd Sophie & Megan Powell, Tytyrwen, Maesycwmmer.

Class 33 - Handler 19-26 On The Day Of The Show. Calf 18 Months And Under - Any Breed: 1st RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm; 2nd VJ Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm; 3rd R & M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm.

The W J Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Winner Of Class 34): RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm.

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Drapers lead the way at Howell's!

Students at Howell's School, Llandaff (GDST) have weathered the last two years of uncertainty as the A-Level system has changed around them, said a school spokeswoman.

The school has a history of academic excellence, and despite the challenges thrown up by the reformation of the A-Level system, two of the Drapers' Scholars from this year's group will be going to Oxbridge.

Desiree Wilson will be studying medicine at Oxford University, and Ffion Edwards is headed to Cambridge, where she will study Human Social and Political Sciences.

The Drapers' Scholars at the Cardiff school are students from



Ffion Edwards.

a variety of backgrounds given the opportunity to study at one of Wales's oldest, and most well-known schools.

Howell's School, Llandaff was founded in 1860 thanks to a legacy left by Thomas Howell, a Tudor merchant who was a member of the



Desiree Wilson

Drapers' Company, one of the livery companies of the City Of London.

In 2017, Howell's continues to be supported by the Drapers' Company and through its bursary fund it creates opportunities for girls and boys from all backgrounds to excel.

Principal, Sally Davis, said: "This year group were caught midway between the old and new specifications at A-Level, and have studied in a environment where at times it has felt that the ground has been moving beneath their feet.

"The content of some A-Levels has changed this year, especially on science subjects where mathematics features far more strongly.

"In addition, AS-Levels have been 'decoupled' from A-Level exams and no longer contribute to the final result.

"I am delighted with their response to this new system and can only applaud an amazing team of staff and send my most heartfelt congratulations to this cohort of 2017."

Of the students sitting A-Levels at Howell's School this summer, 21 per cent of all results were the highest A* grade, with 70 per cent receiving A*-B grades. In addition, 86 per cent of students who studied for an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) gained A*-A grades.



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Out & About with The GEM

Book review – Owen Tudor, The Godfather of the Tudors

LOVERS of history will enjoy Terry Breverton's *Owen Tudor – Godfather of the Tudors* (published by Amberley Books, £20), writes Brian Lee.

For generations, the ancestors of Welshman Owen Tudor had fought Romans, Irish Picts, Vikings, Saxons, Mercians and Normans. His uncles had been executed in the Glyndwr Welsh War of Independence, his father pardoned, but his estates stripped from him.

Owen's now landless father took him to

London to try and find employment and Owen fought for Henry V in France.

He entered the service of Henry's queen, Catherine of Valois, and soon after the king's death he secretly married her, the mother of the eight-month old Henry VI.

Owen and Catherine would have two boys together, hidden from the world, and the boy-king Henry VI, by the Bishops of London and Ely.

Henry VI would go on to enoble them as Edmund, Earl of Richmond and Jasper, Earl of Pembroke, but upon Catherine's death, Owen was imprisoned.

Escaping twice, Owen was thrown into the beginnings of the Wars of the Roses with his two sons. Edmund died in Wales and Jasper became the only lord who fought throughout the civil wars until his nephew, Edmund's son Henry Tudor, was established on the English throne as Henry VII.

When Jasper led the Lancastrian forces at Mortimer's Cross in

1461, the aging Owen led a wing of the defeated army, was captured and executed.

Without the secret marriage for love, there would have been no Tudor dynasty.

This first ever biography of the 'Godfather' of the Tudor dynasty runs to 336 pages and did you know that there was at one time oppressive penal laws forbidding Welshmen from owning property, convening public meetings, wearing armour on the highways or holding royal office?

And Welsh castles could only be garrisoned by pure-blooded Englishmen.

Historic St Mary Hill Fair on Bank Holiday Monday

THE St Mary Hill Fair will be held on the common between Pencoed and Heol-y-Cyw on Bank Holiday Monday, August 28 from 10am until 4pm.

The fair has been held for many centuries and attracts traders from all over the country who come along selling horses, poultry, fine china, leather goods, to mention just a few of the stalls.

Each year the fair supports local charities and this year we will donate to the Bridgend Mayor's fund, which is supporting the Alzheimer's Society, Bridgend and Breast Cancer Care – Princess of Wales Hospital.

The organisers of the fair, the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, are grateful to all those who help and especially local firms such as Broughshire Limited and Nolan Recycling who have provided their services free of charge.

Parking on the common will cost £5 per vehicle and two large car parks will be open.

The fair organisers require, in the interest of animal welfare, that vendors of livestock and poultry provide suitable accommodation and drinking water for their stock.

Enfys craft fairs run until Christmas

ENFYs craft fairs will begin their run up to Christmas on Saturday, September 2 at the St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road.

The fair opens at 10am and finishes at 4pm giving time for browsing around the stalls, having 'elevenses' and lunch from Ann's Kitchen, chatting with friends over a cuppa. Why not make it a delightful day out?

There will be a wide variety of craft products on sale, each stall showing the talent of the crafter in their particular discipline. There is woodturning, sewing, embroidery, jewellery, cake making, card making, photography, painting and personalised tags.

The charity raffle for September is

Wales Air Ambulance.

The charity needs to raise the funds for the day to day running of missions with each mission on average costing £1,500.

Enfys are extremely sorry to hear of the death of Mostyn Gardiner who, with his wife Margaret, over the past five years sold decorated blankets, bibs, soft toys and dolls. We send our deepest sympathy to Margaret and family.

As usual a warm welcome is assured for new and old friends alike, so why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls

For more information about the fair contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

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Dinas Powys plans for village show

THE Dinas Powys Village Show will be held on Saturday, September 2, at the Parish and Lee halls and gardens in Dinas Powys.

Doors open at 1.45pm. Lots of interest has been shown in the show since it has been advertised in this paper over the years.

With over 130 classes catering for all ages, and with a £3 cash prize for first place in each class it is a very popular occasion and attracts entries from all over the Vale.

Even if you do not wish to enter the competitions, there will be plenty going on during the afternoon.

The show is a fun afternoon, a chance to meet up with family and friends and make new ones. Cost of entry is 50p for adults and free for children. As usual there will be an excellent raffle.

There will be music from the very popular Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven and, for the first time, performances from

Mario Morris Magic + Balloon modelling, exciting Meccano exhibits, free face painting and 'Owls for U'.

What would the show be without the popular Women's Institute teas?

There will be a free bouncy castle and several community gazebos featuring village organisations. All this on top of the many items in all the classes to see and admire.

The remaining copies of the booklet 'Around Dinas Powys', will be on sale again for £3.50, first published in 1993 by the well respected walks leader, the late George Thomas, and beautifully illustrated by the late Don Offord.

'The Village Trail' within the booklet has been updated as have the five walks in the original edition with new maps.

For more information contact the show chairman on 029 2051 3274 or valhartrey@talktalk.net.

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Cooking demos at Topstak

TOPSTAK will be holding a series of cooking demonstrations at its Galley Café in the Topstak Vale of Glamorgan showroom, starting on September 2, when the AGA will be the star of the show.

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HISTORIC PUB PLAYS HOST TO FESTIVAL

HISTORIC Llantwit Major pub, The Old Swan Inn, will play host to a four-day beer and cider festival extravaganza over the August bank holiday weekend, showcasing brewers from Wales and further afield.

The Swan, part of the Knife and Fork Food group, will kick off the festival atmosphere at midday on Friday, August 25, with proceedings drawing to a close on the evening of Monday, August 28.

Over the course of the weekend the pub, which dates back to the 12th century, will serve up an array of

eclectic craft beers, ales and refreshing ciders, with brewers on tap including Wales-based VoG and Untapped, and English brewers Great Heck, Three Brothers Brewery, and Brentwood.

The Swan will be serving Knife & Fork's signature meals from the blackboard menu, as well as sharing tapas dishes.

Live music acts will entertain festival goers with at least one act performing every day of the bank holiday weekend, including acoustic rock act Rob Pascoe playing on Saturday August 26, and rock and soul band Jumpin' Jimmy and the Nice Guys performing the next day.

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The Dark Tower crumbles apart...

STEPHEN KING is one of the great modern writers of our time, so it's unsurprising that so many of his stories have been adapted for the world of film.

From the sociological horror of *The Mist* to the empowering *The Shawshank Redemption*; from the ice-cold chills of *The Shining* to the gritty teen realism of *Stand By Me* – King's works have fit the big screen like a glove.

With *It* due for release next month, the latest King adaptation is *The Dark Tower*, which sees young Jake (Tom Taylor) experiencing visions of other worlds.

When Jake finds himself dragged into one of these worlds, he meets Roland (Idris Elba), *The Last Gunslinger*, who is locked in an eternal battle with Walter (Matthew McConaughey), also known as *The Man in Black*.

The Gunslinger's task is to prevent the Man in Black from toppling the Dark Tower, which holds the universe together, so Jake finds himself helping Roland

in a battle to stop the monsters from outside of our universe claiming earth, and the various other worlds, for themselves...

The *Dark Tower* has had a long and tortuous road to the big screen, taking on and losing directors and cast members; such a stilted build up to the adaptation of one of King's most prestigious stories doesn't bode well for the end product, yet the response thus far to the film has seen it attacked and vehemently criticised.

Is it that bad? No it certainly isn't, but then neither is it particularly impressive either, a film existing in the ether of mediocre; not trashy or dumb enough to dislike but not deep and smart enough to truly triumph, it straddles the spectrum without ever truly being one or the other.

It has a good cast, a story that, not being a King fan personally, has seen people long campaign to be adapted for live-action, and an inexperienced director in Nikolaj Arcel whose strengths lie in screenwriting (*The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* among his CV).

Yet the cast is wasted by the machinations of the script, where every

line is heavy with exposition and plot, yet never digs below the surface of the characters, the story ill-served by such a rushed approach. (It's a rare critique these days that a film needs to be longer, but the 95-minute run time is at least 20 minutes too short); and despite some neat little touches, Arcel's inexperience is clear to see.

If Idris Elba and Tom Taylor come out of this with reputations intact – Elba in particular impressive as the weighed-down-by-his-past jaded Gunslinger, while Taylor's Jake never gets the time afforded to his character's development – then Matthew McConaughey disappoints with a pantomime turn that lacks menace and malevolence (one moment aside).

He's a cookie-cutter villain, and one named Walter to boot, unconvincing and lacking.

The story required deft handling, given how much plot there was that needed to be set up – the universe of Gunslingers, people with the 'shine' and the importance of the Tower to the universe – yet it

sees fit to simply skim over the main details through the characters' various conversations.

If you've read the books, then you may have a better sense of what's going on, but those not versed in the ways of the *The Dark Tower* series on the page will be baffled and wishing for a little more story to keep you up to speed with what's going on onscreen.

It just smacks of being rushed, so we have an altercation between Jake and a monster made out of wooden floorboards (a guardian of a portal, we learn from one of Walter's tossed-off lines) that just feels strange; the people allied to Walter who are wearing masks, yet we never find out why; the history of the Gunslingers and why Roland has become so disenfranchised – the film never takes the time to address these plot points in any great detail.

This film was due to kickstart a *Dark Tower* universe, encompassing more films and a TV series, yet they have derailed it by failing to engage the casual viewer and introduce them to this world. Instead, you have a

film that may make sense to aficionados, but will leave the casual observer baffled and left with a head spinning from the excessive exposition. It's not an offensive film by any means – but *The Dark Tower* is an undercooked disappointment.

VERDICT – Flat and joyless, *The Dark Tower* isn't a bad film, it's just not a particularly good one. Far too heavy on exposition and not enough depth to the universe makes it lacking, and director Nikolaj Arcel's inexperience is evident. Idris Elba and Tom

Taylor make for a likeable and engaging lead pair, but them aside, there's very little to hold your attention. Poor.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Magnificent Seven* (2016), *Time Bandits* (1981).



by **GARETH JAMIESON**
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Bigger and better than ever: THAT'S PENFEST 2017!

THE ninth annual music festival in Penmark – better known as PenFest – takes place on Saturday, September 2.

A festival spokesman said the village provides a perfect setting for what will be its most ambitious event ever.

"The festival site is in an orchard with the ivy-clad remains of Penmark Castle as a backdrop. The event will go ahead whatever the weather because we have plenty of marquees lined up; it doesn't matter whether people want shade because of the sun, or shelter because of rain, all eventualities are taken care of."

Large numbers of festival-goers can be accommodated, too.

"There is plenty of space at the car park of the Six Bells public house, and an overflow car park will be available in an adjacent field."

The star-studded line-up for this year includes The Acoustix, The Divine Miss Em, Tom Jones Reloaded!, The Flares and many more. Aubrey Parsons will be the compere on the day.

The performers will have all the back-up they need. The spokesman explained: "The stage, sound system and lighting equipment have all been arranged and sponsored by JPL Sound."

"There will be food and refreshments available, a fully

licensed bar and toilet facilities. There will be bales of hay to sit on, but if people would like to bring their own chairs they are welcome."

There will be lots of entertainment and fun activities for children including a bouncy castle, a giant Connect 4 game and football.

At around 9.30pm the skies above Penmark will be lit up with a fireworks display. The event runs from noon until 11.55pm.

If people order tickets up to a week before the event, it will be £10 per adult (under-12s are free). After that the price increases to £15.

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Protesters take to the streets in continuing campaign against the Barry 'incinerator'

THERE was a carnival atmosphere in King Square, Barry, on Saturday, August 19, when the Docks Incinerator Action Group held a rally as part of a campaign to prevent Biomass UK No 2 Ltd from getting a licence to operate at the docks.

Paul Duggan sang 'Toxic Incinerator Blues', and Darren Jones marked the 40th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley.

Following the entertainment, campaigners made speeches expressing their opposition to the plant.

Vale AM Jane Hutt announced that an extension to the consultation deadline had been agreed by Natural Resources Wales.



Vale AM Jane Hutt addressed the crowd.



Eleven-year-old Sam Knox was given the opportunity to speak to the crowd.



Paul Duggan.

A paper exercise for card-carrying Soroptimists

FOLLOWING a successful session of origami book folding at the Hafod Extra Care Facility Golau Caredig, an invitation was extended to Barry & District Soroptimists to repeat the demonstration at The Gathering Place, St Athan.

A spokesperson said: "The centre was full of laughter and singing, as 'hedgehogs' were made from folding used books."

"Tracey Graham gave a brief demonstration, which was quickly picked up by the ladies and gentlemen present, who were enthusiastic to complete their hedgehogs and take

them home. Henry and Harry were just two of the hedgehogs that were 'rehomed' in St Athan.

President Jackie Memory said: "It was a really pleasant morning. We enjoyed meeting everyone at the centre and were made to feel very welcome. Christopher Winsborough, manager of the Hafod Care Association Day Centre in St Athan, said he hoped this would be the beginning of a close friendship between the centre and the Barry & District Soroptimists."

To find out more about the club, visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district. Members also give talks on the aims and objectives of Soroptimism to local groups.

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

BRING BACK THE ROUNDABOUTS!

FOLLOWING your article on traffic lights (The GEM, page 5, August 10), I would suggest that they are the most unnecessary and inefficient form of traffic control ever invented.

I seem to spend accumulative hours waiting in traffic for the lights to follow their robotic procedure – regardless of whether traffic is present or not, with long periods on empty crossroads.

When they do change, only three or four cars manage to escape.

What's wrong with roundabouts?

They are dynamic and effective, allowing a continuous free flow of

traffic, with rarely a queue or delay. They are cheap to install and maintain.

The latest plethora of lights at the Island 'relief' road is already holding traffic up where no problem existed before.

Wait until the sun comes out on the next bank holiday!

Time is money; how many billions of pounds are lost to our economy by lorries, traders, buses, taxis, commuters and professionals sitting in queues at lights?

Not to mention the health hazards of stationary and stop-start vehicles polluting the atmosphere.

Bring back roundabouts as soon as possible!

Richard Davies, Barry.

In memory of Katie-Sue

ROGER and Sue Grocott and Mike Guthrie and families would like to thank everyone who attended Katie-Sue's funeral on July 14, at All Saints' Church in Barry (especially Father Kev), for their kindness, generosity, and consideration.

Before and since Katie's passing people have been so supportive

and helpful, especially so for Katie and Mike's children, Daisy and Ollie.

We have recently received a letter from Velindre Cancer Centre charity, thanking everybody for the donations made at the church of £1,725.39 in memory of Katie.

Also £436.91 has been raised by Mason Guthrie's web page, and £601.63 from the 'bucket collection' at the funeral, £50 donated anonymously, and £350

from Katie's 'wig party' at Rhose Flying Club, totalling a wonderful £3,163.93.

The money will go into the Velindre Cancer Research Fund. We know that Katie would have been so proud of everything and we would once again like to say thank you to everybody.

PS: a special mention to Father Kev, who is very committed to getting his church roof repaired asap (hint).

Roger and Sue Grocott

'Time for teamwork, not another EU Referendum'

IFELT that I had to write in response to Jean Silvan Evans' letter regarding Brexit.

The vote has been cast and the results are there so stop moaning. Do we keep voting until you get the result you want? That's not democracy.

We all need to work together for a better future for everyone. Having a tantrum like a small child who has not had a turn, is not going to help.

You've had your turn from the outset, when we joined Europe.

Let's join hands and work as a team.

M Lewis, Cowbridge.

PARKING DISRUPTION

WHEN I was learning to drive, I was not allowed to reverse onto a main road.

At Broad Street, Barry, the road has been narrowed and to park you have to either reverse into the parking place or reverse out.

Either way, you are disrupting the traffic on both sides of a very busy main road.

The zebra crossing has also been moved to the edge of Market Street, and zigzags put across the entrance to Market Street.

Who in the highways planning department thought this would be a good idea?

Mrs C Bates, Barry.

Plants Fair
ON Saturday, September 2 from 10am - 4pm at Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge (CF71 7AH) an unusual plants fair will take place.

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Biomass deadline is extended

NATURAL Resources Wales has extended a consultation deadline relating to a licence application by the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant at Barry docks.

John Wheadon, of Natural Resources Wales, said: "We understand that applications of this kind are highly technical, and we want to make sure everyone has adequate time to consider their response to our consultation."

"Following careful consideration, and discussions with the local community and politicians interested in this application, we have decided to extend the deadline until September 10."

"We will continue to work closely with the Docks Incinerator Action Group to make sure they fully understand the new information we've received, and to give them an opportunity to raise the concerns local people have shared with them."

Maisie (14) a star for Wales

MAISIE HARRY, a pupil at St Richard Gwyn school, Barry, recently represented Welsh Basketball under-16 girls at the FIBA European Championships in Gibraltar.

This was a great achievement, as she's just 14 years of age.

The team missed out on the bronze medal, after losing to a strong team from Georgia in the third place play-offs.

Maisie also competed for the under-14s in Gibraltar, coming away with the honour of runner-up MVP!

Maisie plays for Cardiff Met Archers Girls, as well as the Vale Vipers.



Beavers take home three medals...

THREE members of Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club recently competed in Sheffield at the Special Olympics.

They were Heather Williams, Gareth Lloyd, and Mark Eveleigh. Heather competed in boccia, Gareth in gymnastics, and Mark in golf, and all came home with medals.

A spokesperson said: "The swimming club and the committee would like to say you all did really well and should be proud of yourselves – you are a credit to the club."

"Well done to all and congratulations on your achievements."

The swimming club will resume sessions on September 2 and will be back to doing timings for the regional gala on September 16.

Vital win for Barry Central

ROATH Park were the visitors to Gladstone Gardens for the CML Division 6 fixture on Saturday against Barry Central who were hoping for a victory to avoid relegation.

The hosts started on the attack straight away

with the rink of Dave Goddard showing they meant business, leading by 10 shots to 1 after five ends, with the other rinks leading by two and three shots.

The game carried on with Roath struggling to get going with the pressure put on them by the Central bowlers who eventually ran out worthy winners.

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THE GLENBROOK INN Comfort food – whatever the season

ASK any professional restaurant reviewer worth their salt "What's the first rule?" and they might reply: "Choose something seasonal."

And at the refurbished The Glenbrook Inn in Barry, my dining companion and I did just that.

We were ushered into the dining room by friendly staff Nereesa and Hannah, yet we focused on the two-sided fireplace, square in the centre of the room.

We immediately wanted comfort food, and imagined ourselves basking in the glow of that fire's flickering radiance on a frosty winter's afternoon. Already, we knew a return visit would be in order.

Back to summer and our choices... The whitebait was a seasonal must, served and enjoyed with a fragrant lemon mayonnaise. My companion opted for filled potato skins served with an engagingly aromatic home-made tomato salsa.

We shared the dishes,



Review by **ANDY JOHNSTONE**

A plate of puds to please the palate.

but so bounteous was each plate that we were obliged to leave a little for our main courses.

My companion selected a trio of faggots – slathered in a rich, glossy gravy with a jug of the same on the side – and chips rather than mash.

Made by a local butcher, they looked and smelt exquisite. They tasted it, too.

I picked – my taste buds are alive at the memory – slow-roasted pork belly on black pudding mash.

The crackling crackled, the sweet, soft pork fell apart seemingly at the sight of my fork and the mash was this foodie's dream.

We could not finish these generous portions,

and had little room for pudding. We asked for small, tastier portions of the home-made fruit crumble and bread-and-butter pudding, with a scoop of ice cream.

The crumble, particularly, was a revelation. Not puréed apple beneath pack-ice hard sugar, butter and flour, but large, gently stewed pieces of apple still *al dente* beneath dust-fine spiced crumble topping. Yummies.

A bank holiday approaches. Come rain, shine, tempest or calm, pop over to The Glenbrook Inn for a feast this weekend and dine like a king or queen for less than £20 a person, not including drinks from an extensive range of wines, beers and ales.

Outdoor session for camera club



Southerndown, by Pat Hollis.

AT Barry Camera Club's meeting in July, 10 people joined Roy Carr for a landscape session at Southerndown.

For some, it was an opportunity to just get out with their cameras and do their own thing, using their existing skills and knowledge, a club spokesperson writes.

For others, the evening provided a chance to have some tips and pointers from Roy, who has a particular passion for landscape photography.

Pat Hollis and Heulwen Roberts were particularly keen to do this, and Pat came away with a shot down the coast with which she was particularly pleased.

On Sunday, July 9, six members visited Skomer Island in Pembrokeshire. It was a 5am start, but the weather was kind so that meant the boat could sail.

There was plenty to see, including razorbills, fulmars, kittiwakes, swallows, wheatears, seals and, of course, the delightful puffins.

It was a challenge trying to get photos of the puffins in flight, but several members managed this feat. We all came with some lovely photos of the island and its inhabitants. Thanks to Phil Stillman for organising another successful wildlife outing.

We finished the season with a showing of images from throughout the summer season which

included photos from the above mentioned outings and also evenings spent photographing at The Knap and Cardiff Bay barrage.

There was a good variety of quality images, some of which should do well in upcoming competitions.

Barry Camera Club will resume meetings at the start of the new season in September. It meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry (CF62 6NX).

For more information, visit the club's website www.barrycameracub.co.uk or check out the Facebook and Twitter pages.



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Two faces of Romilly on show... but Munro Cup success is secured!

THE two faces of Romilly Bowls first team were in display this weekend, as on Friday evening they travelled to play Ystrad Mynach in a re-arranged fixture looking for a good result before welcoming Troedyrhiw to Romilly Park on Saturday.

A good result in both games would have not only ensured safety for this season but possibly taken them to near the top of the league.

Unfortunately the ugly side of Romilly turned up at Ystrad Mynach, losing heavily, then the following day they took on Troedyrhiw, winning comfortably.

ROMILLY v YSTRAD MYNACH
THE weather was certainly not for bowling with strong

winds and intermittent heavy rain showers making it extremely difficult and Romilly found the conditions not to their liking as the Ystrad side adapted better than Romilly.

From the outset the home side took the initiative and by the fifth end they were 14 shots ahead, with all Romilly rinks in a deficit.

As the game progressed and the weather worsened, Romilly were making a fight of it and by the end of the 10th end had reduced the deficit to just five shots, with Graham Cogbill's rink of Alan Bannister, Jerry Daly and Clive Collins having a six-shot advantage.

Other Romilly rinks skipped by Brian Foscolo, Jeff Wright and Mike Doyle were level, five and six down respectively.

Between ends 11 and 15 Doyle, Foscolo and Cogbill's rinks were battling hard with all

games being close, but unfortunately Wright's rink were not at their best and under extreme pressure from the opposition, falling 16 shots behind.

Ystrad's third, Dan Jones, was bowling superbly and was mainly responsible for the difference.

Romilly were 15 shots down with three ends to play but there was not going to be any miracle, as all rinks gave away further shots, with Romilly finally losing overall by 25, 46-71; it was Cogbill's rink finishing tied that gave Romilly their only point against Ystrad Mynach's 13.

ROMILLY v TROEDYRHIW
ON Saturday, Romilly welcomed Troedyrhiw to Romilly Park with the weather set fair and very different from the previous evening.

Once again the importance of the game was immense as all teams in the league are extremely close and with three teams being relegated this season, all points were vital.

Troedyrhiw are always difficult to beat as our previous game this season proved, with Romilly on the end of a heavy defeat.

The early ends were very competitive, with the game very even at the end of the fifth end at 20-20.

In such an important game there was great friendly banter on all

rinks making for an enjoyable game of bowls and at the 10th end the score was all square, 41-41.

Between the 11th and 15th end Romilly turned the screw with the rink of Kelyn Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Gwynne Rees and skip Mike Doyle playing superb bowls and taking 14 shots during this period without reply against a good Troedyrhiw rink skipped by Richie Davies, leading 24-11.

Also the rinks of Alun Bryan, Fred Phillips, Mel Newman, and skip Jeff Wright and Alan Bannister, Jerry Daly, Clive Collins and skip Graham Cogbill were holding leads of six and eight respectively.

The only rink struggling was that of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick, Roger Jones and skip Brian Foscolo, who were up against a visiting rink skipped by the young 15-year-old up-and-coming Welsh under-25 international Ethan Humphries.

The Romilly rink were always up against it because of the brilliant bowling of Humphries, who on numerous occasions turned the head over with his accurate driving, which left Foscolo's rink four down, but without the opposing skip's accuracy the Romilly rink may well have held a lead.

The overall score at the end of the 15th end was a 23-shot advantage to Romilly, 69-46. With

six ends left to play Romilly appeared to be in control but with skips of the calibre of Humphries, Davies and D K Jones, the Romilly had to be on their guard and as expected a concerted effort was made by the three skips picking up 14 shots from the Romilly rinks.

Fortunately Wright's rink maintained their form over these ends, collecting a further six shots to ensure an excellent victory for Romilly by 16 shots, 88-72, taking 12 points to the visitors' two.

The only Romilly rink to go down was that of Foscolo, who on this occasion was outgunned by Humphries.

Rink scores: Jeff Wright 27-15 A Sullivan; Mike Doyle 29-17 R Davies; Graham Cogbill 20-17 D K Jones; Brian Foscolo 12-23 E Humphreys.

With the season coming to a close Romilly have two games remaining, both away to Gelli Park and Ynysybwl, where eight points should be sufficient for Romilly to maintain First Division status.

Romilly played Penarth Belle View at Romilly Park last Wednesday in their final Munro Cup fixture, needing a win to secure the cup.

As expected Romilly had a very comfortable win, taking the cup for the third time in four years.

FP

Barry Athletic's important steps...

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club took a couple of important steps over the weekend, securing valuable league points in both PG1 and PG2 encounters.

The PG1 side had two matches over the weekend, firstly facing league leaders Penylan with a weakened side and they came up short against the strong Cardiff outfit.

With heavy rink defeats for David Wright and Robert Horgan, the writing was always on the wall, although a creditable draw secured by Chris Wright and his fledgling rink was very welcome.

Elsewhere Martin Clarke slipped to a narrow defeat by two shots after leading for most of the match.

However the following day the Athletic were able to put out a much stronger balanced side for the local derby fixture against neighbours Dinas Powys in what was billed a crucial relegation battle.

Barry Athletic started strongly with David Wright quickly building up a 13-1 lead over Gareth Griffiths, and after five ends the Barry side led by 16 shots.

After his heavy defeat the previous day, skip Robert Horgan was in no mood to allow former Barry player Dean Rees any foothold in the game and quickly built up a significant advantage, which was emphasised on the 16th end when the Barry rink scored a six to build an unassailable lead, eventually running out victors by 28 shots to 10.

Glyn Thomas' rink was up against the experienced Clive Todd who is always a handful on his home green, but Welsh Pairs finalist took charge of the latter stages of the match, winning four of the last five ends to record a seven shot victory, 20-13.

Richard Bowen's rink was up against the experienced former Welsh international Mike Prosser and the

Barry skip was in charge throughout the 21 ends.

With Russell Harris excelling at lead again and Tim Morgan ably supporting at second, Geoff Whittaker and Richard Bowen were able to take advantage of the heads to build up a steady advantage and although only winning 11 of the ends, they secured a nine-shot victory by 24 shots to 15.

On David Wright's rink, the home team had hit back after their shaky start, and two fours and a three on the ninth end put them back in touch with the Barry rink.

It looked bleak for David and his players as they faced a five-shot deficit with just two ends to play but a one on the 20th end and a four on the last ensured they grabbed a draw at 24 shots apiece and secured a point that might be very valuable when the season winds up.

The defeat was a blow for Dinas who now face the realistic prospect of relegation straight back to the second division, but keep the lamp burning for the Barry side's survival in the top flight.

The PG2 side also secured valuable points in their match with visitors Guest Memorial.

Three winning rinks, all by considerable margins, secured another 12 points for the home side and maintained their unbeaten home record.

Top rink honours went to Gary Gane who was returning from his sick bed, and notching up a 17-shot victory 27-10.

Mike Vaughan kept his impressive record on track with a 29-15 victory and the win was sealed by Paul Webley's rink winning by 24-14.

The defeat for David Snelling was not enough to upset the winning margin of 20 shots and the Barry side, with two league games, left will be looking to push on as the season draws to a close.

RB

News from the Millwood Bowls Club

FOR the final Munro Cup fixture of the summer, Millwood made the short journey to Sully to play Sully Sports.

The evening promised very little on the weather front but undaunted all players put their best foot forward and were rewarded with a dry but overcast evening.

As for the game itself after five ends the scoring was level at 16-16; however over the next five ends the home side edged into a narrow lead 38-33 shots and slowly but surely, despite the best efforts of the Millwood rinks, the home side gradually pulled clear on three rinks.

This was despite the best efforts of Gary Williams and his rink who had a convincing win by 21 shots to 12; the remaining three rinks lost giving the home team a comfortable victory by 71 shots to 51, taking 12 of the 14 points on offer, a disappointing end to the season for Millwood.

Many thanks to all members for their support - there is always next season to look forward to.

Saturday saw the club side travel to Rhosce for a Division 4 match and with promotion tantalisingly close, there was everything to play for.

Playing on the carpet as opposed to our more normal grass surface, the team approach the match in cautious mode and as events unfolded throughout the afternoon, a very wise move indeed it proved to be.

After the first five

ends Millwood held a 16-14 lead; however after a further five ends Rhosce had pulled into the lead by 45-37.

This nip and tuck battle continued over the next five ends, at which point Millwood had edged back into the lead, 60 shots to 57, with two of our rinks having contrasting fortunes and therefore from the match point of view cancelling each other out.

The outcome of the match now rested on the rinks skipped by Keith Davies and Peter Taylor.

For most of the afternoon Keith and his rink held a comfortable lead over their opponents; however over the last three ends they managed to drop seven shots to narrow their victory margin to 21 shots to 12, and with the shot score level everything now depended on Peter Taylor and his rink doing the business.

At 15 ends Peter led 14-12 and scored three on the 16th end to lead 17-12.

However the home side were not going down without a fight and two fours in quick succession gave the home side a three-shot lead after 18 ends.

Peter and his rink responded in style and, with a four and a one on the 19th and 20th ends, had a two-shot lead on the final end.

Despite the best efforts of the home side, they hung on to win by one shot on the rink and one shot overall, 83 to 82, taking 12 points to 2 points.

A very big well done to all players on both sides.

BH

Windsor PG1 team on brink of promotion

THE Penarth Windsor PG1 team picked up 10 league points in defeating Penarth by 100 to 65.

The visitors gave a spirited display and managed to win on two rinks. There was a mammoth win for captain Matt which included a full house of eight shots on one end.

The victory for Windsor means that they only need to pick up four points from their remaining three matches to gain promotion while Penarth still have an outside chance of going up with them.

Scores: Evans, Gooding, Hope and Woodcock 41-10; Flitney, Palfrey, Hudson

and McLeod 20-10; Matthews, Burton, Gunter and Holmes 19-22; Rogers, Ellard, Rees and Close 20/23.

Not to be outdone, the PG2 team came away from Sophia Gardens with an excellent win over Cardiff by 18 shots.

Scores: Meredith, Johnson, Woodcock and Davies D 22-13; Davies A, Daniel, Latham and Lewis 24-9; Owens, Hailes, Morrish and Howells 20-15; Trenchard, Dudley, Coleman and Thorpe 13-24.

Star billing goes to Tommy Owens with a brilliant display of lead bowling. It will do no harm to his constant demands for a PG1 place.

The Alliance team

Charity rugby day for Leighton

DINAS POWYS RFC will be holding a charity rugby day on Sunday, August 27.

The 10s Vets tournament is being held to support Leighton Dutton, and will see former Wales star Ceri Sweeney, ex-South African international Thinus Delpert and Italy's former scrum-half Paul Griffen featuring, along with Andy Powell and many more.

The day kicks off at 1pm, and tickets for the day are £5, with children under 15 free.

maintained their record for the season with yet another defeat but as they always say - the Alliance games are not all about winning!

It was a big defeat to a strong Penylan team but there was a rink win for Stafford, Brenton, Johnson and Morgan.

The last Munro Cup game of the season ended in a home loss to Dinas Powys. The only winning rink was Evans, Palfrey, Hope and Woodcock M.

It has only been a moderately successful season for the Munro Cup team but it has at least given a number of the newer club bowlers a chance to experience a higher level of bowls than they normally enjoy.

Last, but not least, to the ladies and it was yet another fine win for the Afternoon League team at home to Kenfig and Pyle.

A 24-7 win for Moyra Owen with J Williams, B Dunlop and V Flitney ensured an eight-shot victory, despite narrow rink losses for S Howells, L Thomas, C Gunter, D Thomas and C Davies, C Fitzgerald, D Roper, K Dyer.

PM

THE difference in playing service showed up in this Munro Cup game at Rhosce, where they have an all-weather surface compared with the heavy green at Cadoxton.

Large counts are more prevalent in these conditions. Only one of the visitors' rinks made any impression. It was skipped by Phil Ellis, and in fact the score reached 10-0 in their favour after seven ends.

Unfortunately this supremacy was not maintained, nevertheless they held out for a winning result. There were just four losing ends, two fours and two twos.

Don Kuhnell's rink looked as if they would never score. Opposing skip Paul Williams made sure of that with some superb bowling.

By the ninth end the deficit had reached 31, without reply, which included four sixes.

Eventually the break came when a drive with the final wood on the next end took out the shot wood which had narrowly beaten a Mike Curtis's very close bowl.

The mat was brought up and five further shots were scored in the final ends, with four against.

Jim Davies did keep close in the early ends, against experienced Les

Parsons, and led 9-8 after six ends. A five and a three made up the 8 against.

Unfortunately three further fives were conceded during the game, without which the contest would have been much closer.

Howard Craven's rink won the majority of the ends, but they were all singles. Two sixes and a seven were among the losing ends.

Fortunately, the weather won in the end as darkness fell with still three ends to play, so the game was curtailed after 15 ends.

Scores: J Papoutsou, A Prince, M Curtis, D Kuhnell 6-35 C Dance, M Banks, H Jupp, P Williams; A Ralph, D Hammond, W Craven, H Craven 8-26 D Kendall, S Downer, T Lages, G Lages; J Stacey, D Tuck, R Byrne, J Davies 14-32 M White, R Boardman, L Willmot, L Parsons; E Heppenstall, G Solomon, S Clarke P Ellis 15-12 P Watts, P Barnett, T Marin, C Ashdown. Final score: 43-105.

CADOXTON v MURCH - MUNRO CUP
A superb performance from the rink skipped by Jim Davies produced a match-winning result for Cadoxton, in this home fixture against Murch.

Only on four occasions were the

visitors allowed to succeed during this overwhelming success.

Roy Harding's rink looked favourites to win after taking an 8-0 lead and staying in front until a five against brought the scores level on the 19th end, followed by a three on the next. They failed to recover it on the final end.

Don Kuhnell had to fight hard to keep in touch on his rink after dropping seven behind in the opening ends.

The deficit was slowly eroded and it was a 14-12 advantage after 14 ends. Unfortunately the lead could not be maintained.

Howard Craven's four trailed throughout the game without dropping too far behind. However with the aggregate very close, they rallied to score six shots in the closing stages.

Scores: E Heppenstall, D Hammond, W Craven, J Davies 33-7 A Cross, J Harrison, D Blainey, M Hughes; J Stacey, D Evans, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 16-24 C Salvidge, G Lane, D Poole, R Mauchline; G Solomon, I Heppenstall, P Ellis, H Craven 14-17 T Rice, B Toozier, T Phillips, I Williams; M Curtis, J Papoutsou, R Byrne, R Harding 19-21 D Rogan, D Davies, A Perry, G Russell. Final score: 82-69.

DK

Barry War Museum remembers life in the 1940s during World War Two at open day

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EARLIER this month, the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Railway Station held a 1940s wartime-themed open day.

The day was organised by the Barry at War group, and crowds flocked to see the World War Two re-enactors, who were joined by military history enthusiasts. Visitors to the museum could visit the World War One trench, and see the 1940s kitchen.

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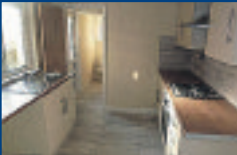
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She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.
Funeral services at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, August 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be sent to Marie Curie, Holm Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3NR or The Dogs Trust Bridgend, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG.

JAMES**Janis Catherine Meriel**

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, Meriel of Andover Close, Barry. Beloved wife of Glyn, loving mother to Andrew and Nigel.

Meriel will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fomfon. Funeral Thursday, August 31st, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request.

BARRATT
Sheila

It is with great sadness we announce the sad loss of our dear mother, Sheila, aged 81 years. Beloved wife of the late Lesley, loving mother of Philip and Lyndon. Mother-in-law of Wendy and Alison. Adored grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare where the service will take place on Monday, 4th September at 1.45pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Alzheimer's Society c/o funeral director.

The family would like to thank all the staff, friends at Baltimore House for their exceptional kindness and loving care.

Eira WILLIAMS

Peacefully after a short illness, on the 16th August 2017, at Manor House, St Hilary; Eira Williams wife of the late Graham Williams, devoted mother, nonna, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Will be greatly missed.

Resting at W.H. Preene & Son Funeral Home until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Friday, 1st September at 10am, where friends please meet. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired to Ty Hafan c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

JEANS**June Margaret (Née Tapscott)**

Peacefully on August 19th with her adored family at her bedside, June, well known with her late husband Henry of HT & JM Jeans Greengrocers, High Street, Barry. Much loved mum to Lesley and Barry, special mother-in-law of Sarah and Ray. Cherished nan and great nan to all her grandchildren

June will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St. Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Friday, 1st September at 9.45am, followed by cremation at Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant Chapel).

Immediate family flowers only. Donations if desired may be made at the service or via June's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages. All donations received to support Cancer Research Wales.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay J Ellis 01446 407962.

NYE**Raymond**

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Ray at home with his family present on 9th August 2017. Devoted husband of the late Elizabeth, beloved father of Geoff, Keith, Andrea and son in law Robin, loved and cherished grandad to John, Tom, Abbie and partners, and great grandchildren Emma and Jake.

Ray will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 30th August 2017 at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

BOURGE**Pamela**

Peacefully on 16th August in Hospital, Pam, aged 78 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Viv. Much loved mum to Paul and Mark.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service in the funeral home chapel on Monday, 4th September at 9.45am, afterwards to Thornhill Crematorium (Briwnant Chapel) at 11.15am. Family flowers only please donations if wished may be sent to the Dogs Trust.

COOKE**William (Bill)**

Peacefully at University of Wales Hospital, Bill passed away, aged 71 years. He will be sadly missed by partner Jenny, former wife Anne and their sons, Sean, Michael and Paul and partners Izzy, Rachel and Hazel, his beloved grandchildren Dillon, Kyle, Cameron, Alicia and Lacey and all his close friends.

Funeral service to be held on Friday, 1st September 2017 at St Tathan Church, St. Athan at 1.45pm and afterwards at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm. All enquiries to W A Brown & Son, 01446 792489. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Marie Curie, Holme Tower c/o the funeral director, cheques only.

TAYLOR**Thelma**

Peacefully at Cartref Porthceri on 15th August, aged 99 years. Thelma beloved wife of the late Harry, much loved mam of June, Sandra and Annette mam-in-law to Robin, Roger and the late Stan. Cherished nanna and great nanna to all her grandchildren.

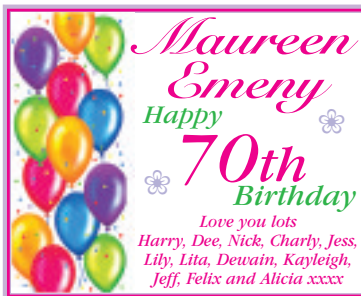
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A special thank you to our six year old great grandson Harry for his lovely speech, what a great party. Thank you to Coasts for a wonderful buffet. Thank you and God Bless - Fred & Mavis the Rave xxx

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Andy & Liz Wellsbury

Liz and Andy would like to thank their wonderful family and friends for helping them celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, including the staff at St Athan Golf Club, Alan Bourne for the entertainment and Andy Cars, and on the Sunday, Rev Ballantyne for his service of blessing, the congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church for the refreshments, and Liz Marshall for the wedding cakes.

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HARRY**Les**

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Natural Resources Wales considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them. The project design drawings and Environmental Action Plan are available to be viewed at the office address below by prior appointment between the hours of 09:00 and 17:00, Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Susie Tudge (Project Manager), Natural Resources Wales, Cambria House (1st Floor), 29, Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TP
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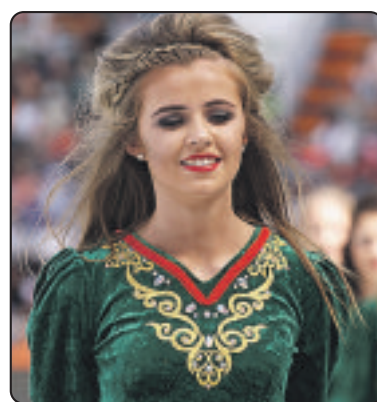
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BRYNHILL LADY GOLFERS TEE OFF ON FINALS DAY



From left, Diack final: Jan Robertson, Sue Holland, Hilary West, Olwen Thomas, Helena Coombes and Glynis Could.

RECENTLY, the eagerly-awaited 36-hole match for the crown of Brynhill ladies champion was played.

Gemma Evans, was defending her title and hoping for a hat-trick. Her opponent Shirley Lewis, who returned to the club this year, had won twice in previous years.

Ladies' captain Olwen Thomas welcomed competitors and spectators and started the match, which was refereed by Sam Pascoe.

With their caddies: Helen Cook for Gemma, Chris Hopkins for Shirley, and their almost identical handicaps, the morning match was fantastic, ending with Gemma three holes up.

After lunch, the championship resumed ahead of the 18-hole Diack Cup final. The competitors for this



From left, Championship: Chris Hopkins, Shirley Lewis, Sam Pascoe, Gemma Evans and Helen Cook.

prestigious trophy were Helena Coombes and Sue Holland together with their caddies Glynis Gould and Jan Robertson, and the match was refereed by Hilary West.

With two fantastic finals, it was difficult for spectators to decide which one to follow. However, the

championship was decided on the 30th hole, with Gemma winning her hat-trick. Everyone then followed the Diack. Helena was three up for most of the back nine but Sue fought back and it finished on the 18th hole, with Helena winning the Cup.

A great day was had by all. LT

BASKETBALL CLUB NETS DONATION

A VALE basketball club is delighted to have received a £750 donation from a leading housebuilder.

Vale Vipers Basketball Club, which trains in Barry and Cowbridge, has bagged the cash from Persimmon Homes East Wales as part of the company's Healthy Communities campaign.

The club said it would spend the money on equipment for its seven to 14-year-olds.

Andrew Leftley of the club said: "We're delighted to have secured this funding from Persimmon Homes."

"We are a thriving club for boys and girls aged seven to 18 with teams in the South Wales Basketball League, South West League and the Basketball England National leagues."

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The Vale Vipers.

Each month Persimmon Homes donates £750 to a sports group or individual in each of its 30 regional businesses – a total of £22,500.

At the start of 2018 finalists will be selected from the 30 areas, with an overall top national prize of £200,000 as well as runners-up awards.

Victoria Williams, sales director at Persimmon Homes East Wales, said: "We're delighted to be able to support Vale Vipers through Healthy Communities."

"We were impressed with the facilities and opportunities they offer to young people in the Vale and hope the

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Busy times at Wenvoe Castle!

THE changeable weather failed to dampen the spirits of competitors in two major competitions held recently at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

The long-standing Castle Trophy is a very challenging medal competition, with best gross score taking the coveted prize.

The winner, Nick James, posted an excellent gross score of 70 – to win by two strokes from Liam McVeigh.

Paul Wheatley picked up third place with a gross 74.

The President's Bowl, a stableford competition, is open to both Ladies and Gentlemen, attracting over 130 entries.

In a very close finish, the winner was Steve Grinter, who posted an impressive score of 41 points – beating Wayne Adams by the narrowest of margins using count back. The pair was just



Barbara Beedham and Maria Venn.

one point ahead of Jonathon Ponsford, who just got home in third place – again on countback from Nick James.

The prize for the best Ladies' score went to the lady captain, Helen Hughes, who posted an impressive 37 points.

The club president, Colin Champ, thanked club members for such huge support on the day, and kindly provided superb cut glass trophies, together with an excellent buffet for the competitors.

He also thanked the bar and catering staff for their excellent service throughout a long day,



President's Bowl lady winner Helen Hughes.

and also the green-keeping staff for presenting the course in such a first-class condition.

The club was also very busy off the course; the annual captain's charity dance was held to raise funds for the nominated charity, The Stroke Association.

Club captain Kota Dayananda was delighted with the support and virtually a full house for the themed 'Blues Evening' evening, which included an auction of donated prizes to raise funds for the charity.

The auctioneer was club president Colin Champ, who showed remarkable skills, laced with humour, to extract bids from anyone who dared to move their

until just 16 pairs emerge to play in the grand final.

Barbara and Maria won the local final and then went on to produce the top score in the regional final held at Ross on Wye Golf Club in July – and now move on to the grand final to be held next month.

This will be played on Monday, September 18 on the prestigious Eden course at St Andrews, traditionally known as the 'home of golf'.

The finalists will enjoy two nights at the five-star Old Course Hotel Golf Resort and Spa, and the chance to participate in the Pro-Am of the Ricoh Women's British Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf club.

Barbara and Maria really having to pinch themselves, as they now realise the scale of their unexpected achievement and how well they have played to reach the final stages.

On behalf of all the members at their home club, the Wenvoe Castle club captain, Kota Dayananda, and lady captain, Helen Hughes, congratulated both players on their superb performance so far, and wished them every success in the grand final.

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On and off the Turf with BRIAN LEE Tale of 'Short Head Flint'

VALE trainer John Flint should be dubbed 'Short Head Flint' as whenever a horse of his figures in a photo-finish – and that seems quite often these days – they always seem to come out on top.

At Bath recently, which is one of his favourite racecourses, his *With Pleasure*, just one of two four-year-olds in the Kingstone Press Wild Berry Chase Handicap Flat race over two miles and one furlong, and worth £4,528 to the winner, got home by a head from the joint-favourite *Tyrell* with *Innoko* a further head away in third place.

There were 10 runners and *With Pleasure*, partnered by Daniel Muscutt, was returned at odds of 9-1. Flint, who trains on the flat and over-the-sticks, is a former point-to-point owner and trainer and he started out as a permit holder in 2003.

He is assisted by his wife Marlene at their picturesque Cherry Tree Stables in the Bridgend area. Horses such as *Fairalong*, *Sigwells Club Boy* and *Senna Da Silva* kick-started his training career and their success was due to the personal touch that he gives to all his horses.

I wonder how many of my readers know that many, many years ago there used to be a racecourse in Bridgend?

The earliest meeting took place in 1838 and the final meeting on a Wednesday in 1860. The racecourse, which was shaped like a number six, was located two-and-a-half miles from Bridgend at Ogmores Downs.

The soil was very sandy and there were races over six furlongs and up to two miles and after the inaugural two-day meeting, an Ordinary was served

at The Wyndham Arms. We also know that on 'Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June the Down was studded with shows, theatre des arts, roulette tables and refreshment booths, while a grandstand towered above them all.'

An Ordinary for 50 gentleman was served at the Wyndham Arms at the end of the first day, while the second day began with a Selling Stakes which went to Mr Potter's *Table Bay* and the Commercial Visitors' Plate over a mile-and-a-half was won by Mr Melverley's *Toddy*.

The patrons of the racecourse were Lord Adare and Sir John Nicholls and the principal races were the Glamorganshire Handicap, Revival Handicap and Hack & Hunters Stakes.

If you would like to know more about this racecourse and some of the other vanished racecourses of Wales then get hold of a copy of John Slusar's 'Racecourses Here Today and Gone Tomorrow' Volume 3 Scotland and Wales. It costs just £9.99 and can be obtained by e-mailing johnwslusar@gmail.com

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Vale of Glamorgan AFL returned with a bang, as we got 64 goals scored across the three divisions.

A lot has changed during the close season - some clubs have folded, new clubs have come in and most notably the Premier Division is streamlined to seven teams that will play each other three times and it's Premier Division where we begin.

AFC Rhosce got off to a flyer in what could have been a tricky opener away at the Bear Field, but an impressive 5-2 victory against Cowbridge Town means a great start to the campaign.

Meanwhile, Barry Athletic edged out St Athan 1-0 in a hotly contested game and Penarth Town secured an opening day three points as they downed Island Marine 2-0.

In Division One, two of the newly promoted sides faced off with Barry Saints coming out on top against Cadoxton Imps 4-2.

Cogan Coronation and Cardiff Airport played out an entertaining 3-3 draw while SP Billy put six past Cadoxton

Athletic in a 6-3 victory. The two teams relegated from the Premier faced off, with Tynewydd 4-1 victors against Cwm Talwg, formerly Masons Moving Group. And finally Sully Sports defeated Penarth Town B 4-2.

In Division Two, AFC Rhosce B got off to an absolute dream start to their campaign with a massive 9-0 demolition of St Athan B.

Llantwit Major returned to the Vale league, after a stint in the Welsh league reserve division, and returned with a 3-2 victory over league newcomers BRT Dynamos.

Fellow league new boys Vale Madrid also tasted defeat on their debut, as Cadoxton Barry defeated them 3-1. BV made an impressive start as they thumped Glenbrook 5-0 and finally Island Marine B edged out Barry Albion 3-2.

This week sees another full league program with Barry Belgrade making their Premier Division bow at home and Sully Sports vs SP Billy in Division One looking like being the most intriguing early season game.



Weather fails to dampen the Brynhill golfers' spirits

Unfortunately, because of inclement weather, the captain's prize weekend had to be split this year - the Saturday competition being held on July 29 and the Sunday event on August 13.



In spite of this, the event was extremely well supported, with 112 golfers playing in the Saturday competition and 117 on the Sunday.

The results were as follows: Best net, Saturday - Chris Evans with a score of 66; best gross - Matt Little (74). Best net, Sunday - Neil Bennett with a score of 68; best gross - Dan Peters (75).

However, over the two days the overall winners were Gary Wiltshire with a net score of 134, and Scott Bowman with a gross total of 138 - congratulations to all!

To conclude the events, captain Mike Underdown hosted a gala dinner on Friday, August 18, which was a sellout. All who attended were treated to an excellent five-course meal prepared by chef Mark Dummett, followed by a full evening's entertainment.

The photographs show Gary Wiltshire (top, in the red shirt) and Scott Bowman (above), who received their prizes from club captain Mike Underdown.

Kerry to represent Wales at paddleboard championships!

KERRY BAKER, teacher at Ysgol y Deri, Penarth, who enjoys stand-up paddleboarding in her spare time, has qualified for the Welsh team and will now represent Wales at the ISA World SUP and Paddleboard Championship in Vorupor and Copenhagen, Denmark, between September 1-10.



Kerry has been stand-up paddleboarding since 2010, but it was during a school charity paddle from The Mumbles, Swansea to Penarth Pier during 2013, that she gained an interest in distance paddling and began racing during 2014.

During her time at Ysgol y Deri, Kerry has worked closely with colleague Dan Willmore to develop an interventions programme that enables pupils to experience surf, stand up paddleboarding and beach school sessions.

It has two routes - 'The Surf Experience' and 'Coastal Connections'. Dan directs the water-based side of the programme and Kerry the beach school sessions. The programme is now entering its seventh year and continues to change the lives of pupils at the school.

Outdoor education is very important to Ysgol Y Deri's pupils and staff, it offers incredible life

experiences. It has a direct impact on the way a person feels, it boosts confidence and self-esteem while promoting teamwork and developing social skills. S t a n d - u p paddleboarding is an incredible vehicle for this. It has given the pupils confidence to try new things in their lives; things that they may otherwise have not been willing to try. Dan said: "Every week, throughout the school year our young people kit up and get on the water. It is always great fun and the pupils continuously surprise me and make me extremely proud."

For more information, you can visit <https://www.isasurf.org/events/isa-world-sup-and-paddleboard-championship-wsuppl/>. **KB**

Athletic teams' valuable wins

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic first XI travelled to Ebbw Vale to face the bottom side, and came away with a valuable 18 point win.

Winning the toss, Barry Athletic asked their hosts to bat first and Ebbw Vale reached 184 for 9 in their 50 overs with Anwar (3-25), S.Ellis (2-12) and A.Ellis (2 for 28) being the main wicket takers, with Nick Pepper jnr being top score with 67.

In reply, Barry reached their target with 14 balls to spare with 186 for 7, Morgan scoring another 'not out' with 56 - and captain for the day, Shae Ellis, hitting 37 - as Barry ran out winners by three wickets.

Meanwhile, on the Island, Barry Athletic second XI entertained Dinas Powys with a delayed start and after

some miracle work from the groundsman, the game began at 1pm.

Dinas Powys batted first and reached 130 for 6 in their 40 overs, with J. Reji (2-12) and A. Baker (1-18) being the main wicket takers.

In reply, Barry reached their target with over 10 overs to spare, scoring 131 for 4, with Ashley Baker hitting a fine captain's innings of 56 not out and Sidath (26) scoring the runs, earning a valuable 18 point win.

This weekend, Barry Athletic first XI entertain Whitechurch Heath on the Island, with the seconds away to Malpas.

Barry Athletic Cricket Club will be holding a carboot sale on Sunday, September 24, at the ground from 8am, limited to 50 cars. **MR**

'Get Home Now' lands hurdle

'Get Home Now', a winner at Worcester last month, owned by the Vale's Gwyn Brace and his daughter Jayne, landed the closing handicap hurdle over two miles and three furlongs at Fontwell last Thursday.

A delighted Mr Brace said: "Our horse scattered the opposition, to score by an 18 lengths margin in a field of eight runners."

Home Now' was ridden by James Bowen, aged 16, son of Haverfordwest trainer Peter Bowen, who had a sensational first season as a point-to-point rider winning the national and Welsh riders' championship.

'Get Home Now', who was followed home by 'Ramore Hill', was returned at odds of 7-2.

At the Chepstow evening meeting, Bargoed's David Probert won the opener on the well-backed favourite 'Shepherd Market'.

BRIAN LEE

Barrivale results

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club for the August 15:

The top three places were: 1. Mike Close & Peter Millar 61.90%; 2. Mike Best & Jenny Vaughan 58.73%; 3. Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 53.97%.

The handicap first place winners were Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale bridge club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446

418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

As from September 22, new classes for beginners will commence so if you would like to join us please ring any of the above numbers to find out more and book your place.

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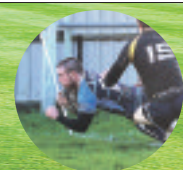
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Another controversial decision denies Barry



The incident that led to Prestatyn Town grabbing a late win over Barry Town United.

For their second successive weekend in the JD Welsh Premier League, Barry Town United supporters were left ruing a contentious late incident on Saturday afternoon, as their side were sunk in stoppage time by persistent Prestatyn Town.

There had been little to separate the Cymru Alliance and Welsh League champions in a competitive and, at one point, fiery first half at Bastion Gardens, with the promoted duo largely cancelling out one another in a period light on clear-cut chances.

The second half however saw Prestatyn ramp up the pressure on the Barry Town goal and though goalkeeper Mike Lewis would deal magnificently with everything thrown at him, the challenge of taking goal-kicks into a severe north Walian wind made it difficult for Barry to create much from the back.

Battling hard to compensate, Barry's TJ Nagi brought the visiting fans to their feet in the latter stages, taking the ball beyond Seaside's goalkeeper Carl Jones, before being forced out right.

It was teammate Ryan Newman though, who had the south Walians' best chance to win it, last weekend's goalscorer perhaps over-compensating for the strong winds by blasting his point-blank attempt narrowly over the crossbar, after Kayne McLaggan's initial shot had been saved.

Had Newman's powerful effort rippled the net, Barry would have led with three minutes remaining.

Instead, the men in green found themselves looking to hold onto a point, as the home team sought to capitalise on their let-off with a dramatic winner.

After the fourth official indicated a minimum of four added minutes, Prestatyn won possession near the middle of the park, yet appeared to

handle in the process as immediately and vociferously protested by the travelling Barry supporters.

However, neither the possibly unsighted referee nor his nearest assistant saw fit to call a free-kick and the Seaside's quickly surged forward, long-serving midfielder Mike Parker ultimately finishing with aplomb to delight the home fans behind the goal.

In light of the previous weekend's controversy, an injury time defeat in such circumstances was the bitterest pill to swallow, Barry's potential haul of four points reduced to just one, ahead of the visit of evergreen champions The New Saints on Friday (7.45pm).

While undoubtedly disappointed on the occasion of his 350th game in charge, manager Gavin Chesterfield will now hope these character-building experiences prove an asset to his squad over the course of the campaign.

Despite his side returning to south Wales without the point their efforts likely deserved, the upbeat Barry boss was eager to highlight a number of positives from their excursion north, in comments the following afternoon.

Speaking to the club website, Chesterfield noted: "The lads have shown they can travel away from home and put in a good shift, in difficult circumstances and conditions.

"It's another step in our learning and how we're adapting to this league. For me, there's far more positives than there are negatives."

Friday's match between Barry and TNS will now be the third in three seasons, after clashes in the Welsh Cup and Nathaniel MG Cup Final attracted four-figure crowds to Jenner Park and the neutral Cyncoed Stadium.

Admission for Barry vs TNS is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children) at the turnstiles.



Mike Lewis leaps highest in the Barry Town United goal.

Chess club enjoys a lull

THIS week there was a lull in competition.

Barry Chess Club will soon complete the Barry Ladder with the final round of games taking place on August 21.

Then as soon as we get to September the league season starts in earnest. There is a mouth-watering clash in the first round of the division 2 fixtures where both of our teams, Camelots and Quarks meet.

During the summer period there have been a number of tournaments in addition to our own Ladder tournament.

This means that the Alec Wood Trophy is up and running as it starts with the results of any rated games played on or after July 1.

As we reach almost two out of the 11 months of recording results for this trophy we see that currently there are nine Barry players who appear in the top 40 list.

Our leading contender is Sam White who has seen an increase in his rating of 26 points and sits in 14th place.

The trophy is currently being led by two juniors. Tom Davies of the North Cardiff Club has seen his rating increased by a whopping 155 points as a result of playing 10 matches in the Saint Lo Chess festival, returning seven wins and three losses from his 10 games.

In second place is Sridatta Dantu of the St John's College Club. His rating has increased by 140 points.

He has played a total of 17 games in three different competitions - five games in the National Schools under-11 tournament, six games in the British under-9 championships and six games in the UK Chess Challenge Terafinal Challenge.

In the latter tournament in particular there was a particularly strong competition so although he earned seven wins and two draws from 17 games he still earned a lot of rating points. No other player has to date earned 100 points.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Precipitation frustration for promotion-chasing Sully Centurions CC

SULLY Centurions travelled to Crumlin and discovered that the game had been called off by the umpire in spite of the forecast for the rest of the day being good.

Given that Crumlin were top and Sully second, it was extremely frustrating for Centurions, particularly as third placed Monmouth won their game against Machen, achieving maximum points. This now means that Machen have nosed ahead of Centurions in the promotion race.

The second XI faced a strong Crumlin second XI side and were beaten by eight wickets at Burnham Avenue.

Batting first, Sully lost the early wickets of Harish Hirani and Ali Raza. Jason Hicks (35) and Rhett Jones (23) put some impetus back into the home side's batting, but when Jones lost his wicket with the score on 75, it led to a mini-collapse of the middle order as Centurions slumped to 109 for 6.

Youngsters Aron Emryr (26) and Lewis Pyke (20) showed some resistance with a stand of 40 for the

seventh wicket.

But the last three wickets fell for just five runs as the innings came to a close on 154. Davies, with 3 for 35, was the pick of the Crumlin bowlers.

In reply, the visitors lost the wicket of Davies (17) with the score on 24, thanks to an athletic diving catch by Aron Emryr off the bowling of Gethin Hicks.

However, the second wicket pair of Meek (27) and Threepan Dilshan put on 118 to take the game beyond Sully's reach. Dilshan ended on an impressive unbeaten 93 as the visitors ran out convincing winners.

This leaves Centurions in third place in the table as the league enters its final two weeks.

Sully Centurions II 154 all out, Crumlin II 156-2.

On Saturday the first XI are at home against Monkswood, with the second XI travelling to face Monkswood second XI. Both games are crucial to the final league placings.

All players are once again asked to contact Dave Sylvester or Jake Griffith with their availability.

MF

A 'four-some' start to the season for Tynewydd FC

TYNEWYDD FC started the new Division One season by facing another relegated team Cwm Talwg (formerly Masons).

Having been promoted to the Premier League, Tynewydd struggled with a raft of long-term injuries throughout the spine of the team meaning their stay was just for a season.

With nearly all those injured players returning for the new season and a few new signings in key areas the mood was positive for the upcoming campaign, having gone unbeaten throughout pre-season with games at Jenner Park, Cardiff and Bridgend.

In perfect conditions Tynewydd got the game underway in a positive manner, switching the play and creating a number of half-chances.

Midway through the half one of Tynewydd's new signings, Dan Ayed, drove through the centre of the Talwg defence before unleashing a

piledriver from 30 yards out that the keeper found too hot to handle; it was fellow new boy Jason Rawlings who was quickest to react to turn in from close range and make it 1-0.

Tynewydd soon doubled their lead when one of their injured players from last season, Lewis Union, curled a shot in from the left edge of the box low to the bottom right corner to make it 2-0.

With the half closing in, Talwg mounted some late pressure with a series of corners and managed to pull a goal back when a six-yard box scramble resulted in an own goal, making it 2-1 at half-time.

Having managed to pull one back just before the interval, Talwg started the second half brightly but failed to make any clear-cut chances, with Tynewydd's experienced back line staying resolute.

Having weathered that early pressure, Tynewydd came back into the half and

managed to kill the game off with an all-important third goal.

It was Ayed again involved in the action, threading a lovely defence-splitting pass with the outside of his left foot down the right wing straight into Elliot Hicks' path.

Hicks took one touch before squaring to an unmarked Craig Rattenbury who drilled into the bottom corner from just inside the box.

Rattenbury was involved in the fourth of the game when he was crudely bundled over in the box to give Tynewydd a penalty.

Lewis Union stepped up to convert from the spot to round off the scoring and complete a solid team performance and, hopefully, signs of good things to come!

Man of the match went to Lewis Union for his two-goal salvo, showing what Tynewydd missed last season.

Special mention to Jason Rawlings and Dan Ayed, both making their league debuts, who provided the platform for Tynewydd to go forward and were involved in nearly all of the games best moves.

Squad: L. Clarke, P. Pydannah, J. Shepherd, J. Clissett (c), J. Brana, E. Hicks, D. Ayed, J. Rawlings, L. Union, LL. Union, C. Rattenbury, G. Pycroft, G. Tinsley, D. Miller, J. Pearce, L. Peterson, G. Union.

JC

ML5 loss for Murch

ON Saturday, Murch Bowling club travelled to Cadoxton to play their Bowling club in a ML5 fixture.

In a match played in a competitive but friendly atmosphere there were wins for the Murch rinks skipped by G. Russell, R. Mauchline and I Williams but a splendid 33-7 win for

the Cadoxton rink skipped by J. Davies saw Cadoxton win the match overall.

Despite the disappointment of the final result for the Murch an enjoyable afternoon's sport was had by all.

If you are interested in playing bowls the Murch Bowling club contact us on 02920 513396 where you are assured of a warm welcome.

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